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Year Ending December 31, 1998

Gilford Village's Belknap Mountain Road
circa 1898

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Dedication

KATHY EMESE FRANCKE

1944-1998

When Kathy and Gary Francke moved to Gilford in April, 1977, Kathy immediately became immersed in a variety of civic activities. Little did anyone realize the lasting impression she would leave on the community. While raising three active children, she organized and coached soccer for Gilford youth in 1980, the origins of the Gilford Youth Soccer League. She coached field hockey, was a member of the Gilford School Board, and later served as School District Clerk for many years. Further, Kathy assisted in numerous productions of the Gilford Middle-High School Performing Arts Department,

including teaching the young swordsmen of Romeo and Juliet to fence!

She served on the Municipal Budget Committee, the Historic District Commission and Planning Board. Kathy's keen interest in the preservation of open space and historic buildings greatly benefited the Town of Gilford. Perhaps the project that Kathy will best be remembered is the Rowe House renovation. Kathy literally saved the structure from the wrecking ball by convincing voters at the 1989 Town Meeting of the building's significant historical and unique architectural characteristics. Kathy turned her words into deeds, restoring the structure with the help of countless volunteers, grants, and the support of subsequent Town Meetings. Kathy embodied the spirit of volunteerism, and understood that Gilford's future is firmly rooted in its past.

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Winter arrived this year

...suddenly and swiftly...

altering the courses of lives

and sowing the seeds of change

so many things, alive and vibrant

...reminds us of one who no longer is

- parrots & geese & cats & peacocks

- lilies & lilacs & all forms of exotic flora

- seedlings & trees, even chrysallis'

we find strength in remembering...

... a fiercely independent spirit that defies all labels...

... a hearty, booming laugh ...especially from one so tiny

...an impassioned outcry ...and soothing words of comfort

stewardship defined her being, loving care her creed

to animals...plants...buildings...people

she fought the good fight

showed us & challenged us & prodded us

...to care

our friend remains among us... and always will

pointing the way...inspiring...

helping us to remain committed

...and hoping to make our world a better place

...she did

Phil Arel

12-19-98

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**Town Officers
1998**

**OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT AT
TOWN MEETING**

Term Commencing on Day of Town Meeting

**Three-Year Terms
SELECTMEN**

Phillippe A. Arel	Term Expires 1999
Rudolph G. Lehr	Term Expires 2000
Robert A. Jordan	Term Expires 2001

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Eastman	Term Expires 1999
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TREASURER

Gregory Dickinson	Annual Term 1999
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OVERSEER OF WELFARE

William Connelly	Annual Term 1999
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**Two-Year Term
MODERATOR**

Peter Millham	Term Expires 2000
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**Six-Year Terms
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST**

Dorothy Kereage	Term Expires 2004
Mary Lou Grevatt	Term Expires 2000
Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2002

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

George Sawyer, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Emily Hanscom	Term Expires 1999
Milo Bacon	Term Expires 2000

**Three-Year Terms
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Polly Sanfacon,Chair	Term Expires 2001
Barbara Harris	Term Expires 1999
Edward Merski	Term Expires 2000

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Lawrence Shapiro, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Sue Greene (appt until 1999 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 1999
Karen Carr (appt until 1999 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 1999
J. Kinney O'Rourke (appt until 1999 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 1999
Alice Boucher	Term Expires 1999
Dennis Doten	Term Expires 2000
Kathy Francke	Term Expires 2000
Richard Campbell	Term Expires 2001
Sean Murphy	Term Expires 2001
Sue Allen	
Steven LaBonte, Gunstock Acres V.W.D.	
Robert A. Jordan, Selectman	

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

William Akerley, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Philip Brouillard	Term Expires 2001
Robert Walter	Term Expires 1999

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Goodhue, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Tom Drouin	Term Expires 1999
Douglas Hill	Term Expires 2001
Lee Duncan	Term Expires 2001
David Metz, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
Lisa Marie Morin, Alternate	Term Expires 2000
Paula McDonald, Alternate	Term Expires 2001
Benjamin Graves, Alternate	Term Expires 2001

PLANNING BOARD

Bruce Wright, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Jerry Gagnon	Term Expires 1999
Thomas Dudek	Term Expires 1999
Richard Waitt	Term Expires 2000
Polly Sanfacon	Term Expires 2000
Carolyn Scattergood	Term Expires 2001
Lisa Marie Morin, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
James Bradley, Alternate	Term Expires 2000
Rudolph G. Lehr, Selectman	

RECREATION COMMISSION

Meg Jenkins, Chairman	Term Expires 2001
Fred Kacprzynski	Term Expires 1999
Corrine Demko	Term Expires 1999
Patrick Savage	Term Expires 2000
Thom Francoeur	Term Expires 2001

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Andrew Howe, Chairman	Term Expires 1999
Arthur Tilton	Term Expires 1999
William Morrison	Term Expires 2000
Donald Chesebrough	Term Expires 2000
Larry Routhier	Term Expires 2001
Richard Weaver, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
John Vorel, Alternate	Term Expires 1999
Richard Foley, Alternate	Term Expires 2001

GILFORD VILLAGE

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Elizabeth McDonald, Chairman	Term Expires 2000
Ruth Turner McLaughlin	Term Expires 1999
Kathy Francke	Term Expires 2000
David Copithorne	Term Expires 2001
Polly Sanfacon, Planning Board Rep	
Phillippe A. Arel, Selectman Rep	

Two-Year Terms

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Rutha Helfrich	Term Expires 2000
Shirley Snow	Term Expires 2000
Barbara Carey	Term Expires 2000
Georgetta Wixson	Term Expires 2000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rod Dyer
Leo Sanfacon
John Vorel
Chuck Clark, Alternate

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Administrator	David Caron
Director of Finance	Geoffrey Ruggles
Chief of Police	Evans Juris
Director of Public Works	Sheldon Morgan
Director of Planning & Land Use	John Bobula
Highway Superintendent	Richard Petell
Director of Civil Defense	Sheldon Morgan
Health Officer	John Bobula
Building Official	David Andrade

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN
AND TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Joyce Papps

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE TOWN TREASURER

Deputy Town Treasurer

Jennifer Carrier

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Director

Diane Mitton

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Fire Chief

Michael Mooney

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE
RECREATION COMMISSION

Director of Recreation

Susan King

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF
GUNSTOCK ACRES VILLAGE DISTRICT

Moderator

Craig Sikoski

Treasurer

Jan Combe

Clerk

Terry Crawshaw

Commissioners

Steven LaBonte, Chairman

Louis Combe

Ronald Crepeau

TOWN OF GILFORD TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
POLICE DEPARTMENT	911
MEDICAL AID	911

Appraisal Department	527-4704
Building Inspector	527-4727
Conservation Commission	527-4727
Department of Planning & Land Use	527-4727
Finance Department	527-4701
Fire Station (Business Number)	527-4758
Health Officer	527-4727
Highway Department	527-4787
Historic District Commission	527-4727
Landfill/Recycling Center	293-0220
Library	524-6042
Parks and Recreation Department	527-4722
Parks and Recreation Program Announcement Line	527-4723
Planning Board Office	527-4727
Police Department (Business Number)	527-4737
Public Works Department	527-4778
Selectmen's Office	527-4700
Sewer Division	527-4778
Town Administrator	527-4700
Town Clerk-Tax Collector	527-4713
Zoning Board of Adjustment	527-4727

**Activity Reports
of
Officers, Officials,
Boards, Committees
and
Commissions**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The community experienced a tumultuous beginning to 1998 when a severe ice storm struck on January 7-9, ravishing parts of our community. In typical fashion, neighbors throughout Gilford and the Lakes Region banded together to clear roads, provide emergency shelter and aid in the restoration of services. We thank all those who lent their assistance.

Throughout the balance of the year, town resources were expended addressing the immediate needs of its citizens and looking ahead to 2000 and beyond. We began the implementation of technological advances to address the computer millennium issue. Last Fall, we directed our Department Heads to develop a Technology and Telecommunications Plan to enhance communications and provide more convenient methods for townspeople to conduct business with municipal departments. We anticipate the start-up in February of Public Access Programming through our local cable system which will provide an additional forum for the exchange and dissemination of ideas and information.

For the first time in several years, we are optimistic about solidifying a long-term economic development relationship with the City of Laconia. In 1998 both communities approved funding for the Blaisdell Avenue project, which will not only encourage and support redevelopment of the McIntyre Circle area, but hopefully will establish a framework by which the communities can partner on other economic development ventures for the mutual benefit of Gilford and Laconia residents and taxpayers. We thank our Economic Development Committee for its advice and counsel on these complex issues.

We were pleased to see two other development projects move forward. A \$350,000 Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure and life safety improvements at Mountain View Housing Cooperative was accepted by the Selectmen. Construction was completed this Fall. We anticipate transferring the Kimball Castle property to Historic Inns of New England in early 1999 to facilitate redevelopment of this historic landmark. Proceeds from the sale will be earmarked for the perpetual care and improvement of the Lockes Hill Trails, a natural resource to be enjoyed for generations to come.

We anticipate that a significant amount of time and resources will be dedicated in 1999 monitoring the Legislature's actions addressing the statewide school funding issue. We are reviewing the development of various proposals to insure that Gilford citizens are not disproportionately impacted by the common goal of providing an adequate education to all of the state's schoolchildren.

Once again this year we are blessed with the large number of Gilford residents who have volunteered their time and efforts serving their fellow citizens. As always, there are additional opportunities available for citizens to contribute their talents to various boards and commissions.

We note with great sadness the untimely death of Kathy Francke, to whom this Annual Report is dedicated. Kathy was a friend, mentor and advisor who constantly reminded us of our responsibility to preserve and safeguard Gilford's natural and historical resources. We will miss her guidance, enthusiasm and friendship.

In closing, we acknowledge and salute the efforts of our often unheralded town employees for their dedication to the community and preservation of its quality of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillippe A. Arel
Rudolph G. Lehr
Robert A. Jordan

Selectmen

GILFORD APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT TOWN ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Continuing the policy of annual reviews of market activity and assessments, the Appraisal Office performed updates to all mainland waterfront property assessments this past year, as well as adjustments to some commercial properties and most mobile homes. This was in response to changing market activity in the past eighteen months in Gilford.

This last update was the fourth year in a row this process has occurred in the Town. Not all property classifications or particular neighborhoods within the same property group gain or lose value at the same rate. For 1998, mobile home values increased in some parks, however decreased in others. Residential waterfront property has increased in value at a greater rate than all other property classifications and several condominium complexes increased in value as well.

By changing the assessments when the market value changes, the Town does away with the need for full revaluations and the expense and hardship they cause. This process also ensures that assessments are equitable each year, and not just when a revaluation occurs.

Due to a change in the state law governing elderly exemptions, all existing and new applicants had to reapply under the new conditions approved at the March 12, 1997 Town meeting. This was a tremendous undertaking for both the applicants and the assessor, however the process is complete and the Town is in full compliance with the new guidelines. We thank those taxpayers, who had to reapply, for their patience.

In addition to the annual review process, the appraisal staff looks forward to a very busy year due to the increase in sales and construction activity throughout the Town. Ross Phelps, our resident data collector, will be quite visible in the community as he inspects sales and new construction throughout the year.

We are sad to report that Marilyn Gray, our long-time assessing technician, retired in April of 1998. She left with over 20 years of knowledge and experience and her loss will be felt throughout the community. We wish her the best in her retirement and hope she will visit from time to time.

Marie Bolduc was hired in July as the new assessing clerk and we are happy to report that she is acclimating to her position and looks forward to providing excellence in service for the community.

We offer a gentle reminder to all taxpayers that they have an obligation to ensure that the information on their assessment record is accurate and current. While we are constantly inspecting and making corrections, there are virtually hundreds of thousands of data points in our file. We would be happy to assist anyone who wishes to ensure that

their assessment data is correct, or to explain how the assessment process works.

We would like to thank the taxpayers in the Town for their understanding and cooperation with our office as we conduct our business. We would also like to thank the Selectmen and administration for their continuing support and guidance.

Gilford Appraisal Office

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

This being my twenty-fifth year with the Town of Gilford and sixteenth year as Town Clerk-Tax Collector, I am happy to report a very successful year. Revenue from auto permits exceeded one million dollars in 1998! We also collected and turned over 1/4 million dollars to the State of New Hampshire, issuing over 9,200 registration permits. In addition, we issued over 1200 dog licenses and 144 birth, death and marriage certificates and collected thousands of dollars in various fees. Our combined collected tax revenues totaled nearly 15 1/2 million dollars in 1998 making for a very busy year.

I would like to welcome the new additions to my staff Heidi Emery, Jennifer Mooney and Serene Gigas and thank my Deputy, Joyce Papps and Denise Morrisette for their hard work and continued dedication.

In September, I had the opportunity to travel to the country of Bosnia Herzegovina with a United Nations based organization. My assignment was to serve as a polling supervisor in Serbian occupied Prejidor. I was assigned to a the small village of Blatna where the villagers came out in mass to vote over the two day election period. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the skills I have acquired in Gilford over the years with another part of the world. Being able to represent the people of the Town of Gilford and share our voting experiences was a highlight of my life.

We at the office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector look forward to serving your needs in 1999 and into the new millennium.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

The year 1998 is characterized by a steady rate of growth in residential development and a significant interest and actual participation in commercial development. Significant progress can be expected for 1999 in the areas of commercial and industrial development.

The following is a summary of the activities of the land use boards as well as the Planning Department:

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE.

<u>Office contacts.</u>	1995	1996	1997	1998
Tel. calls received:	6394	5796	5940	6065
In person visits:	3584	3641	3567	3668
TOTAL CONTACTS:	9978	9437	9507	9733

Building code administration.

Building permits	212	195	227	257
Plumb. / Elect. Perm.	136	180	202	190
Sign permits	50	53	35	28
Demolition permits	11	8	12	16
Misc. permits	4	3	2	6
Driveway permits	28	28	50	52
TOTAL PERMITS:	441	467	528	549

Declared value of all construction.

TOTAL VALUE	\$7,058,079	\$7,899,028	\$8,591,109	\$11,634,278
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Inspection program

Building inspections	633	489	520	436
Electrical (rough/fin.)	107	169	352	301
Plumbing (rough/fin.)	73	100	275	231
Zoning enforcement	145	144	199	141
Health Officer resp.	47	67	108	55
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	1005	969	1454	1164

PLANNING BOARD.

Chair:	Bruce Wright
Vice Chair:	Carolyn Scattergood

Secretary: Jerry Gagnon
 Selectmen Rep. Rudolph Lehr
 Reg. Members Polly Sanfacon
 Richard Waitt
 Thomas Dudek
 Alt. Members James Bradley
 Lisa Marie Morin

Board action.	1995	1996	1997	1998
Site plan reviews	18	22	31	39
Tenancy reviews	17	8	11	8
Subdivision reviews	10	17	14	9
Master sign plans	0	0	3	0
TOTAL CASES	45	47	59	56

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Chair: Andrew Howe
 Vice Chair: Donald Cheseborough
 Reg. members Arthur Tilton
 William Morrison
 Larry Routhier
 Alt. members Richard Weaver
 John Vorel
 Richard Foley

Board action.	1995	1996	1997	1998
Spec. except. granted	6	4	7	10
denied	0	0	0	0
Variance granted	4	10	5	2
denied	2	2	9	6
Adm. dec. appeal grtd.	0	0	1	0
den.	1	1	3	2
Rehearing granted	0	0	2	0
denied	0	1	1	0
Equitable waiver grtd.	0	0	0	5
den.	0	0	1	0
TOTAL CASES HEARD	13	19	32	25

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Chair: Elizabeth MacDonald
 Vice Chair: David Copithorne
 Selectmen rep. Philippe Arel
 Plan. Board. rep. Polly Sanfacon

Reg. members Kathy Francke
 Ruth McLaughlin

In 1998, the Historic District Commission reviewed and acted on six cases.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Chair: John Goodhue
Plan. Board rep. Thomas Dudek
Reg. members Douglas Hill
 Lee Duncan
 Tom Drouin
Alt. members Paula MacDonald
 David Metz
 Lisa Marie Morin
 Benjamin Graves

In 1998, the commission processed 23 cases, performed numerous field inspections and participated in investigations relative to protection of environmentally sensitive and wet lands.

It is with great sadness that the Planning Department notes the untimely passing of Kathy Francke, whose contribution to the historically sensitive understanding of the planning process, cannot be adequately appraised.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bobula
Planning Director

GILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 1998

In this my eleventh annual report as the Chief of Police for our community, I report the following:

The department was awarded grants from Federal and State sources totaling \$13,199.00.

The grants received included three in the area of Highway Safety. One was used to purchase two (2) video camera units that have been installed in two of our police cruisers. These are utilized to record traffic conditions, violations and the safety of the officer on traffic investigations. The second grant was used for purchasing a radar unit for traffic enforcement. The third Highway Safety Grant allowed us to purchase specialized accident investigation equipment

Two Specialized Training Grants were utilized to enhance our training program. It allowed for Corporal Kenneth Borgia to attend the New England Law Enforcement Management School at Babson College in Wellesley, MA. and Lt. John E. Markland to attend a school relative to motorcycle gangs which was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

In later 1998, a grant on Community Education was received which allowed the department to obtain educational materials for Community Crime Prevention classes which will be held monthly in 1999.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Program entered its tenth year at the Elementary School and its fourth year at the Middle High School.

The department established an Explorer Program in 1998 under the direction and coordination of Officer Eric Bredbury. This program enables youth that have an interest in law enforcement to become more acquainted with the criminal justice field.

We continue to provide a number of community programs in the following areas: Seatbelt Safety, Halloween Safety, Child I.D. and Bicycle Safety.

Additionally, the department has moved in the direction of establishing additional Crime Watch Neighborhoods.

Although the number of juvenile related cases dropped slightly from last year, the total number of youths that came in contact with the department increased from 285 to 341.

In 1998, the department switched to a new computer software that enhanced its reporting capabilities.

You will notice some significant changes in the areas of Calls for Service and Telephone Calls.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Gilford Police Department for their outstanding performance in 1998.

I would also like to thank the community for its support and also the other Town Departments, as well as the administration and staff at the Gilford Elementary and Gilford Middle High School.

Activity Report - December 31, 1998

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Telephone Calls Received (Dispatch)	29240	34233
Outgoing Telephone Calls (Dispatch)	6014	7092
Calls For Service	5779	15187
Cruiser Mileage	161542	171315
Criminal Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	5	1
Robbery	1	4
Aggravated Assault	2	12
Burglary	30	22
Larceny	186	196
Auto Theft	10	26
Simple Assault	52	69
Arson	0	3
Embezzlement	0	0
Criminal Mischief	173	93
Prostitution	0	0
Drug Offenses	41	41
Gambling	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	47	47
Intoxications	68	49
Parking Tickets	147	145
Accidents (Motor Vehicle)	343 *	292 **
Traffic Tickets	2136	1926

* Includes (2) Fatal Accidents

** Includes (1) Fatal Accident

Respectfully submitted,

Evans E. Juris
Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This is my eleventh year serving the community as your Public Works Director. With 1998 behind us we look back on a year of ice storm, severe weather and accomplishments.

Solid waste continues to be an important aspect of Public Works. In 1998 Gilford generated 6,433.99 tons of waste sent to the Penacook incinerator. This is the largest amount we, as a community, have ever generated and is attributable to the strength of our economy. Because of this figure we strive to reduce our outgoing rubbish to the lowest possible amount. One way we use to reduce is through our recycling center, where Richie Stuart manages our operations of recycled items, brush, stumps and general yard debris. This year, we instituted a fee schedule for some materials that are brought into our facility. This fee will help defray the cost of processing selected portions of our waste stream. Please check with our main office for a current list of materials and associated disposal costs. The following chart shows our activity in this area:

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
	(ALL FIGURES IN TONS)				
Aluminum/tin cans recycled	6.23	7.18	7.91	6.38	5.84
Newspaper/magazines recycled	87.68	94.78	103.33	104.12	103.55
Combined glass recycled	<u>47.50</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>26.00</u>	<u>34.00</u>	<u>43.50</u>
Total tonnage recycled	141.41	131.96	137.24	144.50	152.89
Brush/small wood incinerated	485,000	550,000	560,000	450,000	830,000

(All figures are in cubic feet)

Highway maintenance continued to be an area that received much attention. During the January ice storm crews spent weeks clearing downed trees and brush. Initially they spent 3 straight days maintaining a life line to stranded citizens and clearing for emergency crews to re-establish utility service. I can't say enough about the dedication shown by the Public Works personnel during this time of emergency. Along with this work, the men asphalt shimmed, chip sealed, cleaned ditches and patched miles of roadway, hoping to extend the life for a few more years before extensive rehabilitative work is required. Stark Street was completely rehabilitated through the creation of an inground drainage system and retention pond, reclaiming and repaving of the asphalt road surface and a general widening of the roadway through wider asphalt and selective tree & brush cutting. We used asphalt that was collected and recycled at our recycling center as a sub-base, thus using a recyclable commodity and saving a few dollars on road repair costs. This

road should now stand the test of time for many years to come. During this past year, we have seen a number of new faces come into the highway division as new employees. These men bring with them, experience, knowledge, and a dedication that should enhance our operation greatly. Welcome to all of you.

This past September saw the retirement of William Sears as our town sewer official. Bill has been with the town since 1975 in the capacity of building inspector and then moving on to the sewer department when it was created in the early 80's. Bill was a mainstay of the organization and will be dearly missed by all, but we wish him the best of luck on his retirement and many years of enjoyment. Accordingly, Michael Wright was hired to replace Bill as our Sewer Technician. Mike has taken on the duties and is currently learning the innermost workings of our sewer system. All of the office staff, supervisors and employees are to be complimented for doing their jobs so well, to the benefit of all.

I was again fortunate to be chosen to perambulate the Alton & Gilford common town boundary. This is done once every seven years with our neighboring communities. This year, as in past ones, we had interest shown by some private citizens, curious as to how we perform this time honored tradition. Anyone wishing more information on this process is encouraged to call our office; we would be glad to explain the process further.

As always we supply our annual activities report for your review:

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
Subsurface septic permits	55	40	44	48*
Public Sewer hookups	12	10	18	19
Dig & Trench permits issued	15	9	9	23
Driveway permits issued	36	44	50	52
Request for Action forms processed	185	199	135	68

As 1998 comes to a close, it's important that we take a few minutes to thank all those that made this a rewarding and productive time. Thank you to all our sister departments, commissions, committees and agencies. It's because of your help and direction that we are able to perform our work with dedication and professionalism.

Public Works is open, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Highway Operations is open 7:00 am thru 3:30 pm. Also, a "thank you" to all the citizens of Gilford that helped us through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon C. Morgan
Director of Public Works

REPORT OF THE GILFORD FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The year started with a heavy demand for services in an unusual way in terms of the ice storm that occurred in January. In a four day period the fire - rescue department responded to 79 incidents. Fortunately the vast majority of these incidents were minor in nature.

Prevention activities focused on educating the public of all ages have been a focal point of the department this past year. This has been accomplished in many different ways by continuing the education programs in the schools and daycare centers, the fire safety day co-sponsored by Shop-N-Save, and several speaking engagements and station tours. It is the department's goal to constantly keep fire safety issues in the public view, so as to keep a fire safe lifestyle on peoples' minds. The Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention program has continued to develop in scope and ability to provide assistance. Programs such as this can help to change the destructive course that some juveniles find themselves on, by not only providing fire safety education, but also providing access to other types of counseling if needed.

The department has tried to be proactive in many other areas in providing the highest quality fire and EMS services possible. Training in fire suppression and emergency medical procedures is an ongoing process to keep skills sharp and learn new techniques and try new tools and products. New computers and software was obtained this year that will help the department to better track incident trends and document information about specific properties that would be useful in the event of an emergency situation.

We would like to once again encourage you to check your home for possible fire hazards and make sure that your smoke detectors work properly and that your home is clearly identified by a visible street number.

The statistical breakdown of emergency services for 1998 are as follows:

Structure Fires	11
Grass/Brush fires	23
Vehicle fires	12
Hazardous conditions	92
Mutual Aid to other towns (fires)	41
Miscellaneous fire conditions	95
Total Fire Incidents	274

System functions	50
Malicious false alarms	3
Unintentional false calls	38
Miscellaneous false alarms	8
Total Alarm Activations	99

Medical Emergencies	461
Motor vehicle accidents	82
Mutual Aid to other towns (medical)	72
Miscellaneous medical/rescue calls	5
Total Medical Incidents	620
 Service Calls	 83
Miscellaneous Incidents	6
 TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 1998	 1,082

The department would like to thank the people of Gilford for the cooperation and support that you have given this department over the last year. We would also like to thank all of the other town departments and surrounding communities for their assistance and cooperation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Mooney
Chief of Department

William Akerley, Chairman
Robert Walter
Phillip Brouillard
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning.

Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS (All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24

Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12

TOTAL FIRES	798
TOTAL ACRES	442.86

Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We are very pleased to present to you the following information which outlines our facilities, programs, activities, and services during 1998. It proved to be an interesting and challenging year for us. We are proud of our accomplishments, and we hope you are as well.

As for our youth programs in 1998, our fall soccer program consisted of 12 teams with 165 boys and girls in grades 2 - 5 participating. Fifteen teams with 156 children in grades 3 - 6 competed in our youth basketball program. In March, we once again sponsored the Fifth Annual Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial Basketball Tournament. Twelve area teams competed, with the proceeds going to scholarships for deserving GMHS graduating seniors. In July, the Major League Soccer Camp program was again brought to Gilford. The 7 English coaches provided a unique approach to the game for the 87 children who benefited from the week-long camp. In June, we had approximately 110 children take part in the Shooter's Gold Youth Basketball Camp, under the direction of Plymouth State College Men's Basketball Coach Paul Hogan, his assistant coaches, and players. This was our seventh season of being able to offer this hoop camp to our kids in grades 2 - 8. The after-school sports program, co-sponsored with the Gilford Elementary School, continued to be popular with a number of 4th and 5th graders enjoying four sessions/activities throughout the school year. Offered in cooperation with Gunstock, our cross-country ski program got 21 kids out enjoying the snow. On the slopes and under the lights at Gunstock, we had 35 boys and girls take part in our downhill ski program. In a bit warmer weather, we had approximately 80 kids showoff their unique artistic abilities in our arts and crafts program at Gilford Beach. Swim lesson instruction was given to approximately 316 kids in the course of our 6-week program. Once again, we were also able to offer a Lifeguard Training course for the development of future lifeguards. Instructors Peter Fagan, Curt Chesley, and Jim Gray worked with approximately 40 children and adults in our summer tennis lesson program. We hope to be able to offer a community-wide tennis tournament in 1999, in conjunction perhaps with Gilford Old Home Day. In August, we ran a 2-day Sciensational Workshop, and 27 children had a great time experimenting with chemistry, microscopes, rocks, and minerals.

As for adult programs, the coed adult volleyball program held at the Gilford Elementary School continued to be very well attended. We also added a men's drop-in basketball program on Sunday mornings at the GMHS gym. During June, July, and August, we again offered a coed

over 30 adult softball program. In spite of hectic summer schedules, we had a total of approximately 30 adults take to the field. The Gilford Pairs and Spares, the senior adult group, continued to be active throughout the year, meeting regularly twice a month. We welcome and encourage new members to join the group. Our activities in 1998 included a trip to the Wright Museum in Wolfeboro, a ride on the "Sophie C." mailboat on Lake Winnepesaukee, a cookout at Gilford Beach, a Halloween Party, lunches at Chequers Harbour Restaurant - Shibley's at the Pier Restaurant - Top of the Town Restaurant, and a catered Christmas Party.

A variety of annual special events and activities were sponsored throughout the year. At our Easter Celebration, approximately 125 boys and girls came to see the Easter Bunny and to be entertained with a performance by Gary the Silent Clown. Approximately 250 costumed children showed up at the GMHS gym to enjoy a variety of games and activities during our annual Halloween Party. The Vacation Fun Days, co-sponsored with the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department, were well attended during the February and April school vacation weeks. Activities included ice skating at the Laconia Ice Rink, swimming at the Gunstock Inn, and hiking at Gunstock. The Bicycle Safety Rodeo in May, co-sponsored with the Police Department, saw approximately 75 - 80 children come out to get their bikes inspected and licensed and to participate in a bicycle skills test.

The 1998 summer season at Gilford Beach was a safe one. We had some new faces amongst our staff of lifeguards/swim instructors, gatekeepers, and maintenance employees. For the most part, they performed their duties in a mature and professional manner throughout the summer. In spite of a few outbreaks of the "swimmer's itch" and the heavy rains we experienced in June, it was a good season overall. In late May, with the help of our Highway Department, we again deposited several loads of new sand onto the beach. Before we had a chance to really spread the sand thoroughly, however, the rains came - and came - and came! The lake level rose way above the normal, with water coming up behind the guard towers, in turn creating some interesting challenges for the lifeguard staff. With the rise in the lake level, the strain on the mooring chains proved to be too much, and the raft had to be pulled out and repaired in July. As always, a great way to wrap up our summer beach activities was the Gilford Beach Water Carnival. We had a beautiful, sunny day, and the staff filled the time with many exciting activities for one and all. Also, Jean Raso did another fine job feeding many hungry bodies while operating the beach concession stand.

Once again, Mother Nature failed to cooperate with us and our ice-

making efforts during the winter season at the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink. The fluctuating extremes in temperature, a few snow storms, and the infamous ice storm caused us many problems. The rink opened officially for the season on January 2 and eventually closed due to poor ice conditions on February 24. Revenues from the supervised skating and rentals dipped to a total of \$868.00 for the entire season. In spite of all of this, we did have many days where our ice conditions were excellent, and our attendance was outstanding. We are keeping our fingers crossed for more steady, cold weather for the 1998/99 skating season.

The upkeep and maintenance of the beach, the rink, and our other facilities - the Village Field, Stonewall Park, and Lincoln Park - continue to keep us busy. While challenging, it is exciting to see the heavy use that all of our facilities receive. We are looking forward to the reconstruction of the Village Field tennis courts and basketball court and to the reconstruction of the undercasing of the Gilford Beach raft in 1999.

During 1998, we began the process of disseminating our community needs assessment survey, with the hopes of identifying our community's interests, desires, priorities, and opinions of our recreation programs, facilities, and resources. The survey was sent home through the Gilford Elementary School and the Gilford Middle School, and it was also made available at the Gilford Public Library, the Gilford Community Church, and the Town Hall. The survey is also being made available to the resident/taxpayers through this year's tax assessment book. We hope to get as large a response as possible before we begin to process and analyze the data. Also in January 1998, we held a public meeting regarding a proposed route for a recreation/bike path that would connect the Village area to Gilford Beach. While the response to our proposed route was not exactly what we had hoped for, we have not given up on the project. During 1999, we'd like to get the ball rolling again with this tremendous undertaking. With both of these projects, we hope for strong community support.

We once again sponsored the series of summer concerts at the Village Field bandstand by our very own Gilford Community Band. We thank them sincerely for a great summer of song and entertainment!

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets monthly at the Town Hall, and the meetings are open to the public. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding programs, activities, and facilities. We also offer a sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents, and energies to help with our endeavors throughout the year. Also, thanks to all of the local

businesses who help to sponsor and/or to donate to many of our programs and activities. We're glad you're here!

In closing, special thanks to the schools and the other Town Departments for all their help and cooperation throughout the year. We are pleased to have served the people of Gilford in 1998, we thank you for your continued support, and we look forward with great anticipation to what 1999 holds in store for us. Remember...."We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing."

Respectfully submitted,

Sue King
Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Commission:
Meg Jenkins, Chairman
Fred Kacprzyński
Thom Francoeur
Pat Savage
Cory Demko

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

1998 was a year of technology improvements at the library. Fiber optic cable was installed between several town buildings, including the library and the schools. This enables the three libraries to link computers so that the collections of each library can be "seen" by the others. The software used by each facility is installed at the other library enabling us to access one another's catalog. Gilford Public Library moved from DOS to Windows NT, and upgraded our circulation and catalog system. With the installation of new CDs, patrons are now able to access several encyclopedias, a full-text magazine index, Current Biography, and Microsoft Word and Works for word processing. Internet access will be available in early 1999.

The Trustees are most appreciative of the patience and dedication of library staff during the computer changeover. There were all the predictable and non-predictable "glitches" with accompanying frustration, and through it all the staff persevered in a cheerful manner. They have received some training in the use of Microsoft Word in order to assist the patrons.

The New Hampshire collection housed in the loft was opened to the public this year. This collection, given by Alan Matthews, contains several hundred items of New Hampshire related materials. This area also houses the nucleus of a museum collection, including an early model of the steamship Mt. Washington, surveying equipment and a surveyor's log, the original library sign and pictures of early Gilford.

Some programs of interest this year included the Lucile Allen memorial program "Mt. Washington and the Observatory," an interesting look at Gold Rush widows, "Women on the Home Frontier," and a four-part series on "The Isles of Shoals," several book discussions led by Audrey Sheets, and a NH Humanities Council "Bookbag program," entitled "Humor Here and There." The children's room was host to a number of exciting programs for the younger patrons in addition to the ongoing story hours held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

The Friends of the Library enthusiastically have supported us once again by offering some great programs, purchasing stools and tables for the children's room, as well as a computer table.

Passes to a number of New Hampshire museums and attractions are available at the library. The Friends have purchased library passes to Strawberry Banke and the Children's Museum of Portsmouth, the Village Bank and Trust has donated a pass to the Science Museum in Holderness and the library continues to provide a pass to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium.

Our “numbers” continue to grow. We added many new patrons this year, bringing our count to 4963, and for the second year we circulated over 50,000 materials. What statistics do not show is the increased in-house use of the library, indicating what continues to be our “strong suit,” a friendly, helpful staff working in a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere.

Polly Sanfacon
Chair of Library Trustees

Diane Mitton
Library Director

LIBRARY STATISTICS

COLLECTION RECORDS FOR 1998

		TOTAL
Volumes	27,259	
NH Collection	642 +	
Professional	40	
Periodicals	est. 3,000	
Video Cassettes	578	
Audio Cassettes	739	
Compact Disks	104	
CD-ROM programs	20	
Storage	est. 300	
Not cataloged	est. 300	
Total number of items in collection	32,982	

CIRCULATION RECORDS FOR 1998

Number of items circulated		52,442
Number of Interlibrary loans borrowed	530	
Number of Interlibrary loans loaned	585	

PATRON RECORDS FOR 1998

Adult	3235	
Juvenile	847	
Summer	243	
Non-resident	280	
Temporary	18	
Misc. (ILL libs., Staff, Trustees, Org.)	188	
Inactive	143	
Total number of patrons		4,963

PROGRAMS RECORDS FOR 1998

Adult programs	17	
Attendees	375	
Childrens programs (inc. story hour)	75	
Attendees	1,269 children	
	385 parents	
Total programs offered		92
Total attendees		2,032

LIBRARY RECORDS FOR NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Balance as of December 31, 1997 **\$7,068.30**

Receipts from interest	\$ 150.04
Receipts from fines	1477.98
Receipts from gifts	2513.61
Receipts from copier	934.41
Receipts from trust funds	400.00
Receipts from miscellaneous	3204.00
Receipts from children's fund	1625.82
Receipts from New Hampshire Humanities Council	541.80
Receipts - portion of federal matching technology grant	10,000.00
Town matching grant (transferred from savings)	13,000.00
Receipts from town computer funds	4,800.00
 1998 Income	 \$ 38,647.66

Less expenditures

Interest (gifts, travel, etc.)	- 0 -
Fines (books and AV material)	1,344.93
Gifts (shelving, books, computer expenses)	3,193.67
Copier (additional computer expenses)	2,909.15
Trust funds	95.00
Miscellaneous (typewriter replacement, books, computer expenses, etc.)	3,187.16
Children's Fund	1,501.57
New Hampshire Humanities Council (programs)	539.80
Grant money, town computer funds (computer upgrade)	27,800.00
 Total 1998 expenses	 \$ 40,571.28

Balance as of December 31, 1998 **\$ 5,144.68**

Passbook savings (closed)	- 0 -
Helen Howe Memorial Funds	\$ 6,782.23
Lucile Allen Memorial Funds	\$ 19,891.24

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are responsible for the investment and disbursement of Cemetery Funds, Capital Reserve Funds and various Trust Funds. Disbursements from the Capital Reserve fund can be made only as the result of a Town Meeting vote.

The interest from the various Cemetery Trust Funds is applied to the various individual Trusts. Of the income, 75% is allocated to pay for the maintenance of the Cemeteries (Pine Grove and McCoy) while the balance of the income remains in the Trust Funds to insure that there will be sufficient funds to maintain the Cemeteries in good condition in the future.

Capital Reserve Funds are invested in separate Funds (by law) according to the purpose for which the reserve was established. Miscellaneous Trusts are handled in the same manner as Cemetery Trust Funds.

It was reported last year that a new contractor had been engaged for the maintenance of the “abandoned” cemeteries. The care is much improved, and we are pleased to report that the 1998 work was performed under a contract at no increase in price and, in addition, the “ice storm” cleanup was performed at no additional charge.

Any person wishing to receive further information may contact the Trustees through the Town Administrator’s Office.

Any recommendations or suggestions concerning the beautification of these areas will be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sawyer, Chairperson
Milo F. Bacon
Emily P. Hanscom

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During the 1998, 22 single folks and 67 families, representing another 175 persons were directly assisted by financial relief, counseling, or information and referral services. Hardship and problems this year have included family discord, illnesses, folks just moving through town, and a large number of unemployed families, many of whom have never before had to seek assistance.

Most of these folks, have also received State-Federal Welfare Assistance in the form of checks, medicaid, food stamps and social services (524-4485). Federal Supplemental Security Income checks also help some persons with handicaps and others in low income families (224-1938). The Julia Ladd Fund "for the worthy poor" is administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. An excellent resource list of helping agencies is found on pages 42 - 45 of our 1998 NYNEX telephone directory.

There is an Energy Assistance Program at the Belknap County Community Action Center where money is still available (524-5512). It also maintains a Food Pantry for emergencies. The St. Vincent de Paul Society also operates a food pantry along with its thrift store on 1269 Union Avenue (528-5683).

The Model Welfare Guideline, updated 1992 Edition, of the New Hampshire Municipal Association is the example for our own Gilford Welfare Guidelines earlier adopted by the Selectmen. These, used with understanding and discretion, best express our concern of "helping neighbors to help themselves."

Again, for any questions, or for a neighbor who might need assistance, please get in touch through the Town Office (527-4701) or at home (293-4990). Let us all continue to share our blessings throughout this year.

Thank you.

William M. Connelly, II, A.C.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker

REPORT OF THE GILFORD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

The 79th Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held on Saturday, August 29, 1998. There was plenty of sunshine in the morning as we kicked off the day's festivities with the Gilford Rotary Club pancake breakfast at the Community Church, and of course, the parade. The theme for this year's event was "YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW," honoring and paying tribute to all that is so great about our community's past, present, and future. In keeping with the theme, the Parade Grand Marshals were the Thompson-Ames Historical Society, former GES Assistant Principal Patricia Bennett, GMHS student Samantha Gallant, and GES student Kaitlynn Evans. The parade was packed with a little bit of everything - floats, bands, marchers (two and four-legged!), antique and classic vehicles, politicians, bikers, etc.. By noontime, there was plenty of activity in every square inch of the Village area! While everyone checked out all the food, craft, and game booths on the Village Field, the "Holycow Duo" of Jeff Lines and Paul Warnick entertained us with their music from the bandstand. As always, our Master of Ceremonies Bob Pomeroy kept things rolling with his announcing of the parade results and his humor! Our Opening Ceremony featured Randy Frye singing the National Anthem. As the afternoon progressed (and the clouds began to roll in!), the crowd enjoyed a performance by "Foolsproof Productions," the duo of Linda and Robert Peck. A lot of laughs were had with the traditional games and field events, the pie-eating contest, and the egg toss. The Entertainment Tent also featured a dance performance by the "Winnepesaukee Squares" and a singing performance by the "Gilmanton O.K. Chorale." After the runners took off in Piche's 21st Annual Road Race, things quieted down a bit at the Village Field - and MORE clouds came in! At 5:00 PM, the RE/MAX Lakes and Mountains group offered hot air balloon tether rides. The crowd started to return to the field for the evening's activities, in spite of the fact that the wind had picked up, and the rain began to fall. As the Old Home Day Committee did their "Stop the Rain" dance, the crowd was entertained by the music of Mike Hashem's "Dixieland Strollers." The rain did subside, and our own Gilford Community Band got everyone in the mood for the fireworks. At 9:00 PM, the skies over the Village Field lit up with one of our biggest fireworks displays ever! We finished off the evening with our traditional dance under the Entertainment Tent, featuring Warren Bailey. At about 11:45 PM, we put out all the lights, and many a tired body left the field for home!

We wish to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all who helped to make this very special annual event happen. Plans are already underway for the 1999 celebration, scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 1999. If you would like to be on the Committee or to volunteer in any way, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722. Ideas and suggestions are also welcome. Be sure to mark your summer calendars now for August 28!

Respectfully submitted,

Gilford Old Home Day Committee

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Gilford Task Force on Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention was organized in 1989 to address the issues of drugs and alcohol in our community.

The Task Force is comprised of town officials, the Gilford Police Department, community leaders, educators, parents, students, representatives of area social service agencies, and members of the general public.

The mission of the Task Force is to unify community agencies and professional resources to provide community based, early prevention programs, and intervene for individuals at risk.

During 1998, the Task Force provided forums for the discussion of issues related to the underage use of tobacco. They worked with Lakes Region General Hospital and Judy Buswell, Chair of the Upstream Smoke-Free Task Force to discuss programs related to underage tobacco use. The Task Force sponsored LIFTING THE SMOKE SCREEN, a program for middle school students designed to change students' perceptions that glamour, slimness, independence, and athletic prowess are related to the use of tobacco products.

The Task Force assisted with funding of UPSTREAM's STOP THE VIOLENCE Conference held at Woodland Heights Elementary School. They sponsored the "Challenge Course", an educational program designed and instructed by the Youth Service Bureau for juveniles who have been involved with issues of alcohol/drugs.

The Task Force expresses its thanks for program funding to the Gilford Police Department, the Gilford Rotary Club, the Gilford Parent Teachers Association, and the Gilford Board of Selectmen.

The Task Force, in cooperation with the Gilford Parent Teacher Association, endorses "Safe Homes", a pledge by parents to provide a safe home, free from alcohol and drugs. Included here is a pledge form. Please join in our efforts to maintain a drug-free community by participating in "Safe Homes". The pledge form may be returned to the Gilford Elementary School, Gilford Middle High School, or the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in working with the Task Force, please contact the Gilford Board of Selectmen at 524-7438.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle
Chair

SAFE HOME PLEDGE

I PLEDGE to provide a safe home...

- I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home when I'm not there.
- I will not serve, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- I will not allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
- I agree to have my name appear on a Safe Homes list for distribution and publication in area newspapers.
- I will not allow the use of tobacco products under the age of 18 in my home.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Children's grade levels _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Return this form to:

Gilford Elementary School
Gilford Middle High School
Gilford Town Hall

_____ Please send me a list of others in our area who have signed the Safe Homes Pledge.

GILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

The Land Conservation Task Force was authorized by the Gilford Town Meeting and charged by the Board of Selectmen to inventory and identify areas of the community which, by preservation, would maintain Gilford's rural character and scenic beauty, while simultaneously protecting our natural resources.

During the last few years, many acres have been preserved in Gilford through the NH Land Conservation Program and the generous donation of conservation easements from local residents.

In 1998, Gary and Kathy Francke gave a gift of a 5.32 acre buildable tract of land located on the easterly side of Belknap Mountain Road. The tract is bisected by the Gunstock Brook which is protected by a 50' conservation easement. The property provides additional access from the town-owned Belknap Mountain Road to the State Forest. The Town of Gilford has gratefully received this generous donation from the Francke family.

In recent years, the Town has benefitted from donations of conservation easements from the Gary Allen family, the Parkman Howe family, the Weeks Woods in memory of Robert Weeks, John Howard, and the Muehkle family. These families are to be commended for their generosity and for preserving the land for years to come. On behalf of the citizens of Gilford, we express our thanks to them.

Please contact the Task Force or the Gilford Board of Selectmen to discuss the advantages in the donation of land for conservation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair
Douglas Hill
Arthur Tilton
David Witham
Parkman Howe

REPORT OF THE THE BENJAMIN ROWE HOUSE

Restoration activities continued at the Benjamin Rowe House in 1998. Most of the work originally envisioned has been completed. A grant was secured to prepare a nomination of the Rowe House to the National Register of Historic Places.

It is anticipated that the remaining interior work and the construction of the porch will be concluded in 1999. The possibility of a "community garden" and other landscape projects are envisioned as well.

The Rowe House Committee continues to develop and conduct fund-raising activities to reimburse the town for the funds appropriated for the "roof" and "ell" project. More than \$25,000 has already been returned to the town coffers.

In April, the 1st Annual Lakes Region Flower Show to benefit the Rowe House was successfully held at Gilford Elementary School. Several hundred attendees toured the booths and made flower and garden purchases. This proved to be a popular event and will be held again this year, on April 24th at Gilford Elementary School.

Many new faces came to tour the Rowe House on Old Home Day. The fun-filled day once again featured Esmerelda, the gypsy fortune teller, Kathy Salanitro's imposing oxen, Gary Francke's mesmerizing "cast your own" pewter toys and figures, and home-cooked food.

The community and the Rowe House Committee in particular were saddened by the loss of Kathy Francke, the tireless initiator of the Rowe House restoration. With Kathy's determination as a guide, the Committee is resolved to continue the project to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Tilton, chairman
Ellen Molnar
Gary Francke
Elaine Gagnon
Gloria Mull
Elaine Riel
Julie Connelly
Phil Arel

KIMBALL WILDLIFE FOREST COMMITTEE

The Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in May, 1990, with a charge to address the "remaining land" at Kimball Castle, which includes all the land of the Kimball Castle Property, excluding 20 acres surrounding the Castle.

In 1991, the Committee, with the assistance of Sumner Dole (technical advisor from the UNH Cooperative Extension), the Shock Incarceration Unit, and the Gilford Department of Public Works completed two miles of trails on the property.

The trails were formally opened to the public in the Spring of 1992. The trail system starts approximately 100 feet from the entrance to the parking area off Route 11. The trail is marked by blue rectangles with interpretive stations indicated by numbers. It is estimated that nearly 600 hikers a week make the trek to the top of Lockes Hill during the summer. Schools in the area make use of the trails for science and ecological studies, as well as the study of local history. Trail guides may be obtained from the Selectmen's office, Gilford Public Library, or at the site.

In 1998, the ice storm caused much damage on the property. The ice damage was confined mostly to the eastern slopes of Lockes Hill and the northern slopes of Reed Brook. The Committee secured the services of a timber company to complete the process of clearing the trails of ice storm damage. In the area around Reed Brook, a more substantial timber harvest was conducted to remove the more seriously damaged trees. A timber harvest was conducted off Lockes Hill Road with clean up of the log landing and erosion control measures completed in the summer months.

Over 1000 trail guides were distributed on the site this year. The Committee is revising the trail guide and researching more permanent signs at the demonstration sites.

Anyone interested in working with the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee, please contact the Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle
Arthur Tilton
William Veazey
Bob and Jan Dean
Wayne Breton
Gail Tebbetts

Sumner Dole
Joan Veazey
Joel Sonnabend
Gary Allen
Muriel Johnson

**TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 1998**

The polling place was readied with instructions in the booths. Copies of sample ballots, instructions, a copy of the town warrant and a list of absentee ballots received were posted.

Inspectors of Elections were Shirley J. Snow, Ruth Helfrich, Maxine Donovan, Anne Lacroix, and Allen Whitney. They were sworn in by Town Clerk, Debra Eastman. Moderator, Peter Millham appointed Wayne Snow as Assistant Moderator and he was given the oath by Town Clerk, Debra Eastman. The Police Officer on duty was John Markland.

Supervisors of the Checklist Carolyn Smith, Mary Lou Grevatt and Dorothy Kereage were also present. The Moderator signed a receipt for 1910 town and school district ballots.

The Optech vote tabulating machine had been previously tested by the Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow and Town Clerk, Debra Eastman and found to be in working order. The Moderator inspected the ballot box and found it to be empty. The Zero tape was run and the voting system was ready for voting.

The Moderator gave instructions to all voting officials that they are impartial election workers and are not to give advice to any voter or advise them in any way how to vote.

The Moderator began to read the warrant as follows: "To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Gilford Middle High School in said Gilford, on Tuesday the 10th of March, 1998 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.) To act upon the following articles ..." He was interrupted by Wayne Snow who moved that the meeting act upon articles 1 and 2 and then adjourn until Wednesday, March 11, 1998 at 7 p.m. to take up the balance of the warrant. The motion was seconded by Allen Whitney. There was no discussion and the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the moderator opened the polls for voting. The Moderator announced that there was a protest petition posted with regard to zoning question number 6 on the ballot. The presence of the protest petition results that the question will need a 2/3 vote for passage.

At 1:15 p. m. the Moderator gave the Town Clerk a receipt for 41 absentee ballots. All absentee ballots were processed and placed in the ballot box at that time. A red "AV" was marked on the checklist beside the name of the voter to indicate the person had already voted absentee.

There were 5712 names on the checklist and new voters were registered by the Supervisors of the Checklist during the day. The total ballots cast were 955, including 41 absentees. The polls were open until 7 p.m.

The Moderator announced the election results as follows:

For Selectman -

Joseph Hoffman	94	
Robert A. Jordan	386	(elected)
Donald A. Spear	383	
Carol Scattergood	2	
Burt Watson	2	
Sean Murphy	1	

For Town Treasurer

Gregory M. Dickinson	861	(Elected)
Pat Labonte	1	
Richard McDonough	1	
Betty Trask	1	
Donald Spear	1	
Karen Roy	1	

For Town Moderator

Peter V. Millham	836	(Elected)
John Kitchen	4	
Bill Dowling	2	
Sue Rock	1	
Merrill Fay	1	
Richard McDonough	1	

For Fire Engineer

Philip A. Brouillard	800	
Mark Labonte	2	
Robert Jordan	2	
Joe Hoffman	1	
Pat Labonte	1	
Ray Bradbury	1	
Bob Hamill	1	
Russ Dumais	1	
Kevin Lacasse	1	
William Akerley	1	
Scott Hopkins	1	

For Overseer of Public Welfare		
William M. Connelly	796	(Elected)
Joe Hoffman	2	
Jim Cookman	1	
Grace Herbert	1	
Tim Connelly	1	
Jerry Blaucham	1	
Gwynne Nadeau	1	
Kathy McCabe	1	

For Supervisor of the Checklist		
Dorothy J. Kereage	824	(Elected)
Richard McDonough	1	

For Trustee of Trust Funds		
George A. Sawyer	829	(Elected)
Jerry Blancham	1	

For Trustee of Public Library		
Pauline Sanfacon	832	(Elected)
Judy Knowles	1	

For Budget Committee		
Richard H. Campbell	656	(Elected)
Lawrence A. Shapiro	660	(Elected)
Sean Murphy	104	(Elected)

Karen Roy	87	
Sue Greene	27	
Kinney O'Rourke	22	
Gerna Magnusson	3	
David Spooner	2	
Bill Forbes	2	
Frank Drever	1	
Evans Juris	2	
Doug Lambert	1	
John Goodhue	1	
Robert Pelland	1	
J. Hoffman	2	
Alida Millham	1	
David Metz	1	
Chris Johnson	1	

Peter Sawyer	2
Roland Breton	1
Phillip Labonte	2
Sue Almond	1
Karen Noyes	1
Peter Millham	2
Sue Reed	1
Robin Baron	1
Roger Bruns	1
Kevin Lacasse	1
Merrill Fay	1
Doc Hoyt	1
Greg Dickinson	1
William Cott	2
David Austin	1
Bob Jordan	1
Gary Lavalle	1
Sue Firnley	1
Russ Dumais	1
Bill Roderick	1
Fred Hernig	1
Allan Demko	1
Lee Duncan	1
Don Spear	1
Bill Cott	1
Wayne Snow	1
Steve Guyer	1
Mike Hudson	1
George Hurt	1
Corinne Demko	1
Burt Watson	1

Town Zoning Questions

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Add a new use to Article 4, Table 1, Chart of Uses, as follows: 4.7.3 (o) Outdoor Recreation - Passive, low intensity outdoor recreational use which are not primarily structure oriented. Typical uses are golf courses, horseback riding stables and hiking and cross country trails. Minimum lot size shall be 25 acres”.

Yes 802 (Passed) No 156

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Add a new use to Article 4, Table 1, Chart of Uses, as follows: ‘4.6.4 () Boat Slip Rental - Rental of one, in the water, boat space for the summer boating season. Parking shall be provided as required in Article 7. Rental of more than one boat space in the water shall require approval under the Marina section of this ordinance”.

Yes 599 (Passed) No 250

Amendment #3. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Reduce the off street parking requirement for marinas from 1 1/2 spaces to 1 space per slip by amending Article 7, Off Street Parking and Loading, as follows: ‘7.3.3 Marinas - 1 space per slip (wet or dry) plus trailer storage spaces if needed”.

Yes 558 (Passed) No 298

Amendment #4. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Add clarification to the sign ordinance by amending Article 8, Signs, as follows: ‘Signs erected in deeded rights-of-way, exclusive of public rights-of-way, which provide maintained direct access and are adjacent to the property to which the sign pertains shall not be considered offsite signs for the purpose of this ordinance”.

Yes 638 (Passed) No 165

Amendment #5. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Amend the official Zoning Map in the area of Blaisdell Avenue by adjusting zoning boundaries in the Blaisdell Avenue area to extend the existing Commercial District to include Lot #201-026 in its entirety, change Lots #201-028 and #201-029 from the Commercial District to the Industrial District, change Lot #201-030 from a combination of Commercial and Limited Residential Districts to entirely Industrial District, change Lot #201-031 from the Commercial District to Limited Residential District and change Lot #202-003 in part from the Commercial District to Limited Residential District.”

Yes 626 (Passed) No 162

Amendment #6. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #6 as proposed by petition for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Amend the Zoning Map to change certain parcels of land located on the

southwesterly side of Route 11-B (Weirs Road) between Route 11-C and the current boundary of the Resort/Commercial (RC) District at land now or formerly of Rueffert (Tax Map #224, Lot 612.1) from their present designation as part of the Single Family Residential (SFR) District to designation as part of the Resort/Commercial (RC) District”. (The Planning Board does not recommend the adoption of this amendment.) (By petition)

Yes 247 (Defeated) No 559

School District Offices

For School Board

J. Kevin Hayes	530	(Elected)
Jack O. Lynch	304	
Douglas Scott	569	(Elected)
Doug Lambert	21	
Burt Watson	2	
Ed Bickford	16	
Karen Roy	1	
Joe Hoffman	1	
Sean Murphy	1	
Ed Dickson	1	
Charles Bolduc	1	
Arthur Labonte	1	
Reddy Bennet	1	
Deborah Robichard	1	
Sue Reed	1	
Gwen Nadeau	1	

For School District Moderator

John Kitchen	434	
Suzanne Rock	445	(Elected)
Bill Dowling	1	
Richard Campbell	1	

For School District Treasurer

Cathleen Pierce	780	(Elected)
Susan Rock	1	
Jill Clark	1	
Giselle Lambert	1	
Richard McDonough	1	
Cheryl Evans	1	

Don Spear	1
Alan Demko	1

For School District Clerk

Kathy Francke	772	(Elected)
Karen Thurston	2	
Bill Smith	1	
Karen Roy	1	
Sean Murphy	1	
Suzanne Rock	1	
Richard McDonough	1	
Jack Lynch	1	

School District Question

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Gilford School District? (By petition)

Yes 460 No 458 (Defeated)

The ballots were turned over to the Town Clerk for safe keeping at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Recessed Town Meeting
March 11, 1998

The recessed town meeting was called to order with Moderator, Peter V. Millham in the chair at 7 p.m. at the Gilford Middle High School auditorium. There were about 150 voters in attendance, The Moderator introduced the people seated on the stage as follows: David Caron, Town Administrator; Selectmen, Philip Labonte, Rudi Lehr and Phil Arel; Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis and Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Debra Eastman.

The Moderator explained the procedure to be used in reading the article, making of motions, seconds and discussion. He explained that articles can be taken out of order if the voters wish, but that the Moderator had no plans to do that. The Moderator explained the effect of tabling a motion and the procedure for it. The Moderator explained that there were microphones available and requested that those speaking wait for the microphone to come around to them. He announced the members of the Interact Club who were furnishing the microphones. The Moderator announced the upcoming events at the school and the school district meeting. The Moderator read the results of the town and school district election yesterday.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,960,783 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
109.00 & 110.00	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$291,493
246.00	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	146,247
123.72	Financial Administration	76,000
110.00	Appraisal Expenses	74,427
123.60	Legal Expenses	50,000
123.24	Personnel Administration	783,769
743.00	Planning & Zoning (includes L.R.P.C.)	157,099
840.00	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support & DPW Remediation)	175,117
141.07	Cemeteries	3,550
123.14	Insurance	203,081

The Moderator read article 3. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 3 as read. It was seconded by Selectman Labonte. Mr. Annis explained some of the department budget requests and changes made by the budget committee. John Goodhue asked about the budget committee expenses. Jim Annis explained that the budget

committee is not paid.

Joseph Hoffman was recognized. He spoke about running for Selectman and being opposed to appropriating money today. He discussed wanting a breakdown of property exempt from taxation. The Moderator requested that Mr. Hoffman address the article on the floor. Mr. Hoffman continued to discuss tax exempt property. Peter Millham, Moderator, again asked Mr. Hoffman if he wished to address the article on the floor. Mr. Hoffman stated that he wanted to address that there was corruption. The Moderator requested that Mr. Hoffman relinquish the microphone if he was not going to address the issue. Mr. Hoffman continued to state that he wanted a list. Selectman, Philip Labonte handed a paper to the Moderator. Mr. Hoffman requested if the paper was a list. The Moderator handed the piece of paper to Mr. Hoffman.

Mr. Hoffman continued to speak and the Moderator again requested that if he was not going to speak to the article on the floor he be seated. The Moderator explained that he felt he had already been lenient with Mr. Hoffman and that as Moderator it was his job to see that the meeting was run in a proper way and that the articles were presented. The Moderator stated that Mr. Hoffman could not just continue to talk about anything he wanted to talk about and that Mr. Hoffman should talk about the article on the floor. The Moderator stated that Mr. Hoffman was not addressing the article, but was accusing people of corruption. Mr. Hoffman continued to speak. The Moderator again asked him to please sit down. Mr. Hoffman refused and stated he would not stop talking until he got his point across. The Moderator asked Mr. Hoffman if he was going to have to ask the Police to remove him from the meeting. Mr. Hoffman continued to speak and stated he would be finished in two minutes. Mr. Millham allowed Mr. Hoffman the two minutes and gave him a one minute warning.

The Moderator again read the article on the floor.

Bill Phillips stated he was confused and were we still discussing article 3.

Rich Briggs asked about the rise in insurance costs. Dave Caron explained that the auditors were requiring that we gross budget workers compensation premiums. This appears to be an increase but it is not an increase.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

At this point the Moderator recognized Selectman Philip Arel. Mr. Arel presented outgoing Selectman Labonte with a plaque for his nine years of service as a Selectman and his previous service to the town as a Fire Engineer, Planning Board member and Budget Committee member. The Moderator then recognized Police Chief Evans Juris. Chief Juris explained that as a Selectman Philip Labonte also serves as Police Commissioner under the state statutes. Chief Juris thanked Selectman Labonte for his service and presented him with a police plaque.

Joe Hoffman then requested to speak. The Moderator explained that there was no article on the floor on which to speak. Joe insisted that if the Moderator allowed the Police Chief to speak, then it was his right also to speak. The Moderator allowed him to speak. Mr. Hoffman began to discuss the sale of tax deeded property and make accusations about the Board of Selectmen. Moderator Millham politely asked Mr. Hoffman to be seated. Mr. Hoffman continued to make remarks about the Selectmen and discussed property at Saltmarsh Pond Rd.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,449,080 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
304.00	General Operations—Police	\$833,050
412.01	General Operations—Ambulance Service	59,322
401.01	General Operations—Fire	521,461
141.41	Civil Defense	300
141.45	Youth Services Bureau	34,361
141.47	New Hampshire Humane Society	586

The Moderator read article 4. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 4 as read. Selectman Philip Labonte seconded article 4. James Annis explained cuts and changes made by the Budget Committee.

The Moderator recognized Fire Engineer, Bill Akerley. He moved that the appropriation be increased by \$20,200 for a total appropriation of \$1,469,280. It was seconded. Mr. Akerley explained that the Fire Engineers requests \$17,400 be restored to overtime, \$300 for telephone, \$1,000 for tires and \$1,500 for training in the Fire Department operations account.

The Moderator recognized Town Administrator, Dave Caron to explain that the Fire Chief and he discussed staffing levels last year and that the Selectmen felt that the Deputy could fill in some absences which would eliminate some overtime. Budget Committee Chairman, Jim Annis discussed the methodology used in determining the need for tires.

John Goodhue supported the Deputy covering some shifts. Fire Engineer, Akerley stated that under the Selectmen's plan the Deputy would cover 17 weeks and the negative impact on the level of coverage in case of simultaneous calls.

Greg Goddard spoke in favor of the Fire Department and supported the request of the Fire Engineers.

Chief Michael Mooney spoke in favor of the amendment and discussed the previous cuts taken in this account for the past five years.

Joe Hoffman was recognized and began to discuss a request for

information he made to the Fire Chief in 1994. He then switched to discussing a court trial coming up and asked that if anyone here feels slandered that they should take him to court. The Moderator requested that Mr. Hoffman speak to the amendment or be seated. Mr. Hoffman continued to speak about a court case. The Moderator then asked Police Chief, Evans Juris to remove Mr. Hoffman from the meeting. Chief Juris requested that Mr. Hoffman leave the meeting. Mr. Hoffman refused to leave. Chief Juris told Mr. Hoffman that if he did not leave the meeting he would be arrested. Mr. Hoffman refused to leave. Chief Juris indicated that Mr. Hoffman was under arrest. Mr. Hoffman was escorted from the meeting. Moderator, Peter Millham, apologized to the meeting stating he has never had to do that.

The Moderator explained that the meeting was still discussing the amendment to Article 4. Tom Labrie spoke in favor of the amendment. Mark Labonte spoke in favor of the amendment. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. The Moderator was unsure of the vote and asked for a show of hands. The Moderator declared that the amendment carried. He asked if anyone in attendance wished for a count and there was no request for a count.

The Moderator then indicated that the meeting would now return to the article as amended.

Jack Stephenson questioned the appropriation to the Humane Society. He moved to amend article by increasing it by \$1,000 for the Humane Society. It was seconded. He explained he thought the appropriation was far too small. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis explained the amount in the budget was as requested by the Humane Society. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the negative and the Moderator declared the amendment defeated.

The Moderator explained we were still discussing article 4. Dick Pierce questioned the increase in the ambulance account. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that the increase was due to ambulance coverage for motorcycle weekend and adjusting money previously found in the overtime account.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on article 4. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried as amended.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,549,932 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
830.01	Highway Division	\$622,236
870.33	Street Lighting	17,967
820.01	DPW Administration	82,220

850.12	Vehicle Maintenance	126,575
860.01	Solid Waste Management	307,531
933.01	Sewer Department	376,349
141.63	Laconia Water Works	17,054

The Moderator read article 5. James Annis, Budget Committee Chairman moved article 5 as printed. Selectman Labonte seconded the motion. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis explained recommendations and cuts made by the Budget Committee.

Barry Grevatt asked if this budget includes any roadside cleanup to help with the debris from this winter's ice storm. Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan stated that the cost of the ice storm will be reimbursed from federal funds. He will be getting more information out to the taxpayers regarding the clean up of debris as it becomes available.

Leo Sanfacon asked for a more detailed explanation of the items in this warrant article. Sheldon Morgan explained what each item supported. It was asked if a recycling appropriation was included and Sheldon answered in the affirmative.

Esther Peters requested information on this appropriation for garbage removal and why individuals must pay for their own garbage pickup. Sheldon Morgan explained the difference between the garbage being picked up at the residence and the cost of transferring garbage from the transfer station to its final destination.

John Goodhue asked if the sewer department was self supporting. It was explained that the appropriation must be made, even though the revenue comes in to offset it.

John Goodhue also asked about the schedule of road repair and discussed the damage to roads during the last few months. Sheldon Morgan explained his plan to repair and improve roads within the town. John Goodhue asked if the lower part of Gunstock Hill Road could be included in the plan.

Darlene Savage thanked the Department of Public Works and stated the roads in Gilford were much more attended than those in western Pennsylvania.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$86,884 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
141.53	Lakes Region General Hospital	\$3,519
141.51	Lakes Region Community Health & Hospice	18,200
141.65	New Beginnings	1,080
141.49	Community Action Program	3,885

141.57	Lakes Region Family Services	3,500
134.07	General Assistance	55,500
141.67	American Red Cross	1,200

The Moderator read article 6. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 6. It was seconded by Selectman Labonte. The Moderator asked if there was any discussion. There being none, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$284,171 for the following Culture & Recreation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
502.00	Parks & Recreation	\$120,287
523.00	Skating Rink	8,215
623.00	Library	146,169
545.00	Patriotic Purposes	6,150
752.20	Conservation Commission	2,800
755.40	Historic District Commission	550

The Moderator read article 7. James Annis, Budget Committee Chairman moved article 7. Selectman Labonte seconded the motion. Budget Committee Chairman Annis explained changes to the recreation budget made by the committee. He explained that there is money in the appropriation for the Conservation Commission to do a mailing to shoreline owners.

Tom Labrie questioned the cost of \$1,000 to do a mailing. He questioned what happens to funds not spent from the budgets of last year. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that unencumbered funds return to the general fund.

Budget Committee Chairman stated that the mailing was more than postage and envelopes. He asked that the Conservation Commission Chairman, John Goodhue, give a further explanation of the mailing. John explained that the booklet to be mailed explains the shoreline protection act.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$558,136 for the following Debt Service, Capital Reserve and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
123.49	Principal—Long-term bonds	\$280,950
123.50	Interest—Long-term bonds	161,597
123.52	Interest—Tax Anticipation Notes	50,000
123.53	Principal—Winnepesaukee River Basin	5,588
141.61	Laconia Airport Authority	1
123.66	Capital Reserve—Fire Equipment	35,000
123.68	Capital Reserve—Tennis Courts	25,000

The Moderator read article 8 as printed. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 8. Selectman Labonte seconded the motion. James Annis asked that Town Administrator, Dave Caron explain the appropriations within the article. Mr. Caron explained the various outstanding bonded debt and capital reserve funds.

The Moderator asked for discussion. There being none, he called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$436,916 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
830.80	Capital Equipment—Highway	\$50,350
401.33	Capital Improvements—Fire	34,343
304.33	Capital Improvements—Police	109,723
830.84	Highway Reconstruction	242,500

The Moderator read article 9 as printed. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 9. Selectman Labonte seconded the motion. James Annis explained highway reconstruction and highway equipment. The Moderator requested that Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan explain what specific equipment was included in the article. Sheldon explained that there is to be the replacement of one dump truck, replace a one ton unit and plow and begin a program of replacing wings. Police Chief Juris explained the replacement of two cruisers, upgrade of radio communications system to eliminate the dead spots in the radios, new radar, body armor and video units. Fire Chief Mooney explained they intend to refurbish Engine 4, receive a used 4 wheel truck from highway and outfit with equipment.

The Moderator asked if there were any questions.

Ruth Davis asked if there was any difference from highway reconstruction in this article and the earlier explanation. Sheldon Morgan stated that he had explained the reconstruction earlier, but the funds were in this article.

It was asked why Article 10 was not a part of this article. The Moderator explained that Article 10 needs to be separate because it requires a withdrawal from capital reserve.

The Moderator read the article again. There was no further discussion. He called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to purchase a dump truck for the Department of Public Works, to be financed in the following manner: (Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee)

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$20,000
To be raised by taxation	55,000

The Moderator read article 10. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 10 as read. Selectman Labonte seconded the article. James Annis explained that the Budget Committee concurs with the purchase of a new dump truck for the highway dept. There was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 as the town's share of realigning Blaisdell Avenue with McIntyre Circle and extending utilities along Blaisdell Avenue, to be funded by the use of unexpended fund balance. (Recommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

The Moderator read article 11. Budget Committee Chairman, James Annis moved article 11 as read. Selectman Labonte seconded the article. James Annis stated that the Budget Committees concurs that this would be a good venture.

Dick Campbell spoke in favor of the article. He stated that this appropriation was stated on the budget form as a separate article, but not a special article. He explained the difference between the two and asked that the Selectmen assure him that this money will not be used for something else. Selectman Labonte agreed that the purpose of this article was as stated.

Doug Lambert spoke in favor of the article.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K, Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Further, to find that this action will serve public purposes by encouraging new development, providing employment opportunities, improving the tax base, and improving the general economy of the Town and local region.

The Moderator read article 12. Selectman Philip Labonte moved article 12 as read. Selectman Phil Arel seconded the article. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that this article deals with Blaisdell Avenue project. Town meeting must adopt these RSA's as a tool to help develop certain areas. This allows the town to capture the tax dollars generated by the development. There being no further discussion, the Moderator read the article again. He then called for the vote. He was unclear on the vote and he called for the vote again. That vote being much more clear, the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to establish a development district, to be known as the Blaisdell Avenue Development District, adopt a development program and adopt a tax increment financing plan, as authorized pursuant to RSA 162-K as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The District shall be established jointly with the City of Laconia as authorized pursuant to RSA 53-a. The Board of Selectmen and Laconia City Council shall appoint a Joint Board to act as district administrators and shall be authorized to manage the prudential affairs of the district, including but not limited to the execution of the Development Program and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The activities of the development district shall be guided by an advisory board, consisting of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen and Laconia City Council for three-year, staggered terms. A majority of the members of the advisory board, as required by RSA 162-K:14, shall be owners or occupants of real property within or adjacent to the development district.

The Moderator read article 13 as printed. Selectman, Philip Labonte moved article 13 as read. Selectman, Phil Arel seconded the article. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained the article, what work will be done at McIntyre Circle and the extension of the water and sewer lines. He explained that the article was written per state statutes and how tax revenue would be captured and split.

Bill Philips questioned how the tax revenues are captured and shared if development was done on both the Gilford and Laconia sides. Further he asked what happens if development is done only on the Gilford property. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained the make up of the board and advisory committee. Mr. Philips asked if the committee is paid and do they have a staff. Dave Caron explained that it is proposed that the board be made up of town officials or town employees.

Jack Lyman asked if this venture has been approved by the Laconia City Council. Town Administrator, Caron explained that it has not at this time.

It was asked if this project had any similarity to a prior joint project with Laconia, near the bypass area.

Bill Philips spoke in opposition to the article and the project.

Selectman, Philip Labonte spoke in favor of the article and about the prior Rich's Plaza project.

John Goodhue stated that articles 11–14 were tied together.

Mr. Wright stated that this article is a little complicated in terms of governance but spoke in favor of the article.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a town roadway that portion of Blaisdell Avenue from its intersection with Route 11 to its intersection with Brook Street, and to authorize the selectmen to convey the fee to said portion of Blaisdell Avenue to Thomas J. McIntyre Realty Trust or its designee, on terms and conditions acceptable to the board of selectmen, once the town receives ownership of that fee from the State of New Hampshire. The discontinuance of this roadway shall not be effective until there is constructed and opened to the public a new alternative entry into Blaisdell Avenue.

The Moderator read article 14. Selectman, Philip Labonte moved article 14 as read. Selectman, Phil Arel seconded the motion. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained the curve in the road and the land swap with the video store.

There were no questions. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

A voter asked to be recognized to ask about zoning question 6 on the prior day's ballot. She asked the Moderator if that question could come up every year. The Moderator explained that the question was on the ballot by petition.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

A True Copy. Attest:

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk

1998 Financial Reports

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Gilford, NH in Belknap County
for the Fiscal Year Ended in December 31, 1998

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Phillippe A. Arel, Chair
Rudolph G. Lehr
Robert A. Jordan
Board of Selectmen
Gregory Dickinson
Town Treasurer

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD
Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DEBITS	Levy of 1998	Levy of 1997	Prior years
Uncollected Taxes			
Property Tax		\$ 1,088,110.83	
Yield Tax		\$ 3,230.44	
Sewer Use		\$ 203,684.51	\$ 4,346.01
Gunstock Acres Water		\$ 12,229.31	\$ 295.00
Capital Cost Recovery		\$ 18,755.02	\$ 146.49

TAXES COMMITTED

Property Tax	\$ 14,355,698.60
Lockes Hill Betterment	\$ 3,451.00
Cherry Valley Condo Betterment	\$ 8,825.04
Capital Cost Recovery	\$ 128,954.67
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 5,000.00
Yield Tax	\$ 6,685.64
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 132,115.01
Sewer Use	\$ 177,044.53

OVERPAYMENTS

Property Tax	\$ 14,714.87	\$ 3.55
Sewer Use	\$ 16.70	

Interest & Costs

Collected	\$ <u>14,622.22</u>	\$ <u>85,199.40</u>
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TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 14,847,128.28	\$ 1,411,213.06	\$ 4,787.50
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD
Year Ending December 31, 1998**

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy of 1998	Levy of 1997	Prior years
Property Tax	\$ 13,306,700.48	\$ 1,080,342.04	
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 2,500.00		
Yield Tax	\$ 5,686.67	\$ 3,230.44	
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 115,932.19	\$ 12,049.31	
Capital Cost Recovery	\$ 111,608.75	\$ 18,287.57	
Sewer Use	\$ 163,230.21	\$ 196,985.97	
Lockes Hill Betterment	\$ 1,972.00		
Cherry Valley Condo Betterment	\$ 6,373.64		

ABATEMENTS

Property Tax	\$ 33,631.32	\$ 7,772.34	
Yield Tax	\$ 998.97		
Capital Cost Recovery	\$ 2,034.99	\$ 467.45	
Sewer Use	\$ 4,141.26	\$ 6,623.35	
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 2,500.00		
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 421.00	\$ 180.00	

DEEDED

Sewer		\$ 75.19	
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INTEREST & COSTS

COLLECTED	\$ 14,622.22	\$ 85,199.40	
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UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12-31-98

Property Tax	\$ 1,030,081.67		
Gunstock Acres Water	\$ 15,761.82		\$ 295.00
Cherry Valley Condo Betterment	\$ 2,451.40		
Capital Cost Recovery	\$ 15,310.93		\$ 146.49
Lockes Hill Betterment	\$ 1,479.00		
Sewer Use	\$ 9,689.76		\$ 4,346.01

TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 14,847,128.28	\$ 1,411,213.06	\$ 4,787.50
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Respectfully submitted,
Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

DR.	<u>1997</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>
Unredeemed Liens 12-31-97		\$391,050.82
Liens Executed	\$ 334,290.72	
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ <u>2,488.11</u>	\$ <u>63,042.03</u>
 TOTAL DEBITS	 \$ 336,778.83	 \$454,092.85
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Redemptions	\$ 48,371.17	\$257,776.38
Abatements		\$ 3,354.03
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 2,488.11	\$ 63,042.03
Unredeemed liens 12-31-98	\$ <u>285,919.55</u>	<u>\$129,920.41</u>
 TOTAL CREDITS	 \$ 336,778.83	 \$454,092.85

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AAE
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
January 1, 1998 to December 31, 1998

General Revenues Remitted:		
9205	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$1,002,755.90
1207	Dog Licenses Issued	5,145.50
1034	Animal Population Control Fees Collected	2,066.50
1102	NH Agricultural Dept. Lab Fees	555.50
1545	Boat Permit Fees Collected	66,174.60
661	Copies of Records	646.90
38	Bad Check Penalties	952.50
24	Books & Maps sold	36.00
122	Miscellaneous Fees	305.00
9	Town Pins	18.00
3	Pole Licenses	30.00
101	Pistol Permits	1,010.00
174	Fines	6,484.31
535	Commercial Beach Admissions	1,126.00
27	Postage Reimbursements	570.12

TOTAL	\$1,087,876.83
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Town Clerk Fees Remitted		
1676	Motor Vehicle Titles	\$3,314.00
369	Financing and Termination Filings Processed	5,761.00
53	Marriage Licenses Issued	2,385.00
144	Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates Issued	1,178.00
8183	Municipal Agent Fees Collected	20,286.00
64	Wetlands Applications Filed	714.00
12	Filing Fees	16.00
1	Writ Recorded	15.00

TOTAL	\$33,669.00
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TOTAL REMITTED TO TOWN TREASURER	\$1,121,545.83
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TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year End December 31, 1998

GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/98	\$5,948,245.81
Total Receipts	\$17,746,581.94
less Selectmen's Orders Paid	<u>\$18,162,832.76</u>
Cash on Hand 12/31/98	\$5,531,994.99

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/98	\$70,592.80
Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$3,700.79</u>
Cash on Hand 12/31/98	\$74,293.59

SEWER CAPITAL COST FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/98	\$159,784.38
Receipts	\$0.00
Interest Earned	<u>\$8,828.43</u>
Cash on Hand 12/31/98	\$168,612.81

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

Year Created	Trust Names	Invested	New Trusts	Principal	Bal. Income Beg. Year	Income 1997	Expended 1997	Bal. Income End 1997	Tr. & Inc. End 1997
various		CFX Bank & Lac. Savings		102,889.24	75936.20	9559.07	6700.00	78795.27	181684.51
1998	W.J. & B.W. Amaral & R.S. & R.P. Watson	"	200.00	200.00	.00	3.96	.00	3.96	203.96
1998	Anne S. Annis	"	350.00	350.00	.00	3.58	.00	3.58	353.58
1998	Richard or Eleanor Burt	"	350.00	350.00	.00	6.66	.00	6.66	356.66
1998	M.N. & R.R. Durgin	"	300.00	300.00	.00	6.47	.00	6.47	306.47
1998	John or Jean Evvard	"	350.00	350.00	.00	2.81	.00	2.81	352.81
1998	Everett or Shirley Grace	"	350.00	350.00	.00	1.85	.00	1.85	351.85
1998	Allen R. Greeno	"	525.00	525.00	.00	2.22	.00	2.22	527.22
1998	Carl L. or Anita L. Hewitt	"	350.00	350.00	.00	2.44	.00	2.44	352.44
1998	John J. or Helen Kennedy	"	350.00	350.00	.00	1.61	.00	1.61	351.61
1998	Richard & Barara Maxner	"	700.00	700.00	.00	2.96	.00	2.96	702.96
1998	Richard, Christine M. & A. Metz	"	600.00	600.00	.00	11.86	.00	11.86	611.86
1998	Daniel & Lorraine Powell	"	350.00	350.00	.00	2.81	.00	2.81	352.81
1998	R.N. & V.A. Sorgente	"	300.00	300.00	.00	6.47	.00	6.47	306.47
1998	Ronald, Beverly, Keith & Brian Sorgente	"	600.00	600.00	.00	16.74	.00	16.74	616.74
1998	Walton or Elizabeth Thompson	"	350.00	350.00	.00	2.64	.00	2.64	352.64
1998	Peggy J. Van Bennekum	"	350.00	350.00	.00	4.19	.00	4.19	354.19
	Total Cemetery Trusts	"	6375.00	109264.24	75936.20	9638.34	6700.00	78874.54	188138.78
Miscellaneous Town Trusts									
1926	A.V. Lincoln #1			1250.00	1172.53	128.53	.00	1301.06	2551.06
1968	Julia Ladd #2	"		2215.68	1143.31	178.52	.00	1321.83	3537.51
1969	Theodate & Elliot Remick #3	"		5185.00	255.16	288.01	210.00	333.17	5518.17
1986	Samuel & Winnifred Smith #4	"	25.00	4860.00	248.16	247.70	190.00	305.86	5165.86
	Total Misc. Town Trusts		25.00	13510.68	3819.16	842.76	400.00	3261.92	16772.60

Created Name of Trust	Invested	New Trusts	Principal Beg. year	Bal. Inc. 1997	Income 1997	Expended End 1997	Bal. Incoe End 1997	Tr. & Inc.
Capital Reserve Trusts								
1989	Fire Equipment	65000.00		162727.59	7216.74	.00		169944.33
1990	Highway Equipment	10000.00		215774.23	12092.24	20000.00		207866.47
1991	Kimball Castle	5826.88		56094.76	1725.35	5032.63		52787.48
1994	Schools Air Conditioning	.00		50945.62	2740.44	.00		53686.06
1996	Daniel B. Rogers Trust	.00		16036.82	857.93	446.00		16448.75
1997	Tennis Courts	50000.00		70876.87	2419.09	.00		73295.96
Totals		130826.88		572455.89	27051.79	25478.63		574029.05
*1 Worthy Poor								
*2 Lincoln Park								
*3 & *4 Gilford Library								

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

George Sawyer
Emily Hanscom
Milo Bacon

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
APRIL 1, 1998

Land

Current Use	\$ 1,161,975	
Conservation Assessments	0	
Residential	211,978,825	
Commercial/Industrial	14,444,200	
		\$ 227,585,000

Buildings

Residential	\$311,136,100	
Manufactured Housing	8,715,500	
Commercial/Industrial	50,137,750	
		\$ 369,989,350

Public Utilities

Gas	\$ 159,781	
Electric	3,871,119	
		\$ 4,030,900

TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS: \$ 601,605,250

Blind Exemption	\$ 90,000
Elderly Exemption	3,190,450
Solar/Windpower Exemption	

TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS: \$ 3,280,450

NET TOWN VALUATION: \$ 598,324,800

**TOWN APPROPRIATIONS
1998**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 291,493
Election, Registration & Vital Stats	146,247
Financial Administration	76,000
Revaluation of Property	74,427
Legal Expense	50,000
Personnel Administration	783,769
Planning & Zoning	157,099
General Government Building	175,117
Cemeteries	3,500
Insurance	203,081

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 833,050
Ambulance	59,322
Fire	541,661
Civil Defense	300
Other Public Safety	34,947

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Highways and Streets	\$ 622,236
Street Lighting	17,967
Administration	82,220
Vehicle Maintenance	126,575

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 307,531
Sewer Collection and Disposal	376,349

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT

Laconia Water Works	\$ 17,054
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HEALTH

Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$ 31,384
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WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$ 55,500
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	\$ 128,502
Library	146,169
Patriotic Purposes	6,700

CONSERVATION

Conservation Commission	\$ 2,800
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

\$ 120,000

DEBT SERVICE

Principal - Long Term Bonds & Notes	\$ 286,538
Interest - Long Term Bonds & Notes	161,597
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	50,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	\$ 269,416
Improvements other than Buildings	242,500

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

To Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 60,000
To Laconia Airport Authority	<u>1</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

\$ 6,541,102

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
AND CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998**

	Appropriation	Expended	Balance
4130 EXECUTIVE EXPENSES			
Elected Officials	60,927	59,775	1,152
Selectmen's Office	229,566	238,846	(9,280)
Budget Committee	1,000	706	294
4140 ELECTION,REGISTRATION,VITAL STATS.			
Town Clerk - Tax Collector	136,547	125,015	11,532
Election & Registration	9,700	7,198	2,502
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Computers	68,100	73,635	(5,535)
Audit	7,900	8,215	(315)
4152 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY			
Appraisal Office	74,427	89,100	(14,673)
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	50,000	55,953	(5,953)
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Retirement	228,438	208,580	19,858
Employee Insurances	555,331	562,329	(6,998)
4191 PLANNING AND ZONING			
Planning & Land Use	149,857	140,820	9,037
LR Planning Commission	7,242	7,364	(122)
4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
Buildings & Grounds	171,917	161,133	10,784
Island Support Services	3,200	1,997	1,203
4195 CARE OF CEMETERIES	3,550	3,525	25
4196 TOWN INSURANCE	203,081	95,978	107,103
4200 PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	833,050	831,170	1,880
Fire Department	541,661	531,181	10,480
Ambulance Service	59,332	50,547	8,785
Emergency Management	300	300	0
Youth Services Bureau	34,361	34,361	(0)
NH Humane Society	586	586	0
4310 HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
DPW Administration	82,220	76,902	5,318
Highway Department	622,236	492,398	129,838
Vehicle Maintenance	126,575	141,536	(14,961)
Street Lighting	17,967	17,239	728
4320 SANITATION			
Solid Waste	307,531	340,103	(32,572)
Sewer Department	376,349	392,524	(16,175)
Laconia Water	17,054	16,888	166
4400 HEALTH AND WELFARE			
General Assistance	55,500	46,766	8,734
Community Action Program	3,885	3,885	0
LR Community Health	18,200	18,200	0

	LR General Hospital	3,519	3,519	0
	LR Family Services	3,500	3,500	0
	New Beginnings	1,080	1,080	0
	American Red Cross	1,200	1,200	0
4520	CULTURE AND RECREATION			
	Library	146,169	138,673	7,496
	Parks & Recreation	120,287	110,924	9,363
	Skating Rink	8,215	4,355	3,860
4583	PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	6,150	6,063	87
4610	CONSERVATION			
	Conservation Commission	2,300	1,144	1,156
	Rowe House		351	(351)
	Historic Distric Commission	500	27	473
4650	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	120,000	7,890	112,110
4700	DEBT SERVICE			
	Principal - Long Term Bonds	280,950	280,950	0
	Interest - Long Term Bonds	161,597	161,567	30
	Interest - TANs	50,000	0	50,000
	Principal - Winni River Basin	5,588	5,588	0
4900	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
	Police Equipment	109,723	108,817	906
	Fire Equipment	34,343	34,025	318
	Highway Equipment	125,350	121,096	4,254
	Highway Reconstruction	242,500	225,148	17,352
4915	TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVES/OTHERS			
	Fire Equipment	35,000	35,000	0
	Tennis Courts	25,000	25,000	0
	Laconia Airport Authority	1	0	1
	APPROPRIATION TOTALS:	6,540,562	6,110,672	429,890
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
	Refunds - Taxes and Fees		1,180,735	
	Gilford School District		8,928,075	
	Belknap County Taxes		1,208,348	
	Taxes Bought by Town		334,291	
	Gunstock Village Water Dist.		55,626	
	Other		3,911	
	TOTAL:		11,710,986	
CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS				
	Computers	35,500	35,500	0
	Planning & Land Use	5,000	3,500	1,500
	Telephone System	48,000	48,000	0
	TOTAL:	88,500	87,000	1,500

**ESTIMATED REVENUES
1998**

TAXES

Land Use Change Tax	\$ 2,500
Yield Tax	2,500
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Tax	180,000

LICENSE, PERMITS & FEES

Business Licenses and Permits	\$ 16,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	855,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	31,000

FROM STATE

Shared Revenues	\$ 38,171
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	88,317
Highway Block Grant	145,132
Water Pollution Grant	30,505
State & Federal Forest Land	1,483
Other	27,500

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Income from Departments	\$ 345,349
Other - Capital Cost Recovery	140,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES

Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 15,000
Interest on Investments	75,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	23,100

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

Sewer Department	\$ 377,749
From Capital Reserve	20,000

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Fund Balance	\$ 509,000
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TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 2,923,306
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**TAX RATE COMPUTATION
1998**

Town Portion

Appropriations	\$ 6,541,102
Less: Revenues	(2,923,306)
Add: Overlay	647,160
Veterans	66,050
Less: Shared Revenues to Town	<u>(38,631)</u>

Approved Town Tax Effort	\$ 4,292,375	
Municipal Tax Rate		\$ 7.18

School Portion

Due to Gilford School District	\$ 8,928,075
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(71,401)</u>

Approved School Tax Effort	\$ 8,856,674	
School Tax Rate		\$ 14.80

County Portion

Due to Belknap County	\$ 1,208,348
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(9,568)</u>

Approved County Tax Effort	\$ 1,198,780	
County Tax Rate		\$ 2.00

COMBINED TAX RATE		\$ 23.98
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SUMMARY OF REVENUES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

3100	TAXES	
	Property Tax	14,347,384
	Land Use Change Tax	5,000
	Yield Tax	6,401
	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	6,654
	Interest on Delinquent Taxes	157,129
3200	LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES	
	Business Licenses	35,546
	Motor Vehicle Permits	1,092,531
	Building Permits	20,284
	Other Licenses and Permits	11,324
3310	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	
	COPS MORE Grant	28,812
3320	FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
	State Revenue Sharing	246,088
	Highway Block Grant	145,132
	Water Pollution Grant	34,288
	Forest Land Reimbursement	1,589
3401	INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS	
	Selectmen's Office	3,474
	Town Clerk's Office	1,897
	Police Department	17,454
	Fire Department	1,987
	Ambulance Service	77,485
	Parks & Recreation	14,749
	Skating Rink	868
	Planning & Land Use	6,909
	Public Works	2,274
	Solid Waste	89,692
	Sewer Department	340,236
3500	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	
	Special Assessments	12,276
	Sale of Town Property	13,044
	Interest on Investments	200,176
	Fines & Forfeits	6,484
	Insurance Dividends	15,929
	Reimbursements	2,563
3900	OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	
	From Sewer Assessment Fund	140,000
	From Capital Reserve	20,000
	TOTAL REVENUE:	<u>\$17,105,658</u>

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 1998

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Gilford Library	
Land & Building (226-055)	\$ 271,000
Municipal Office Complex	
Land & Buildings (226-054)	2,425,300
Glendale Parking Lot	
Land & Building (242-197)	95,400
Kimball Road	
Land & Building (215-025)	259,100
Glendale Town Docks	
Land & Buildings (242-183)	
Comfort Station	167,200
Durrell Mountain Road	
Land (234-001)	463,300
Durrell Mountain Road	
Land (232-002)	329,900
School District	
Schools, Land & Buildings (227-132)	5,167,500
Land, Alvah Wilson & Belknap	
Mountain Road (227-013)	117,000

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Lincoln Park	
Land (242-212)	70,500
Stonewall Park	
Land (203-269)	23,200
Gilford Beach	
Land & Building (223-417)	2,188,400

GREEN SPACE

Varney Point Road	
Land (223-500)	7,200
Schoolhouse Hill Road	
Land (226-030.100)	100
Saltmarsh Pond Road	
Land (210-033)	12,400
End of Orchard Drive	
Land (240-007)	1,100

Green Area Elderberry Drive	
Land (203-152)	200
Green Area Sherwood Forest Drive	
Land (229-031)	2,000
Green Area 2679 Lakeshore Road	
Land (267-259)	500
David Lewis Road	
Land (212-008)	26,300

CONSERVATION LAND

Lake Shore Road	
Land (252-050)	42,200
Robert Tilton Land	
Land (258-002)	184,800
Saltmarsh Pond Road	
Land (228-010)	100
Goodwin Road	
Land (227-116)	24,300
Clough Road	
Land (272-005)	20,800
186 Intervale Road	
Land (224-033)	2,200
31 Harris Shore Road	
Land (223-413.002)	55,800
Potter Hill Road	
Land (226-048)	17,500
Cherry Valley Road	
Land (226-048-001)	600
Kimball Castle	
Land (242-369)	700
Land (242-371.100)	469,900

OTHER TOWN-OWNED LANDS

Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-125)	51,200
Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-126)	73,600
Gilford Avenue	
Land (204-003)	170,640
Kimball Castle	
Land & Building (242-371)	294,000

TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES

Gunstock Acres Lots	
Land	
62 River Road (253-328)	5,000
84 Greenleaf Trail (253-055)	14,900
Mountain View Housing Cooperative	
Unit #20	12,400
Pine Grove Mobile Home Park	
Mobile Home (224-046.015)	13,100
22 Sleeper Hill Road	
Land & Building (203-142)	90,900
72 Old Lakeshore Road	
Land & Building (213-038)	95,000
216 Misty Harbor	
Condominium (223-590-216)	45,700
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 13,312,940

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 1998

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

	Sewer Construction 1983-2003 Original Bond \$3,550,000.00	Municipal Building 1987-2007 Original Bond \$1,523,591.00	Cherry Valley Sewer Extension 1999-2017 Original Bond \$128,978.24
1999	\$175,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 6,788.33
2000	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2001	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2002	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2003	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2004		75,000.00	6,788.33
2005		75,000.00	6,788.33
2006		75,000.00	6,788.33
2007		75,000.00	6,788.33
2008			6,788.33
2009			6,788.33
2010			6,788.33
2011			6,788.33
2012			6,788.33
2013			6,788.33
2014			6,788.33
2015			6,788.33
2016			6,788.33
2017			6,788.30
	\$ 875,000.00	\$675,000.00	\$128,978.24

NOTE: Municipal Building and Sewer debt issued through New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank; Cherry Valley Sewer Extension debt issued through State of New Hampshire Revolving Loan Fund.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of
Selectmen and Town Administrator
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Gilford for the year ended December 31, 1997, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

During the course of our review, the following condition was noted that was considered to be a material weakness as defined above:

GENERAL ACCOUNTING RECORDS

When we arrived on May 5, 1998 to conduct our annual audit of the Town of Gilford, the General Accounting Records were not reconciled and were incomplete. In addition, the Treasurer's balance and the General Ledger balance were not in agreement. Many receipts of money by the Treasurer were not recorded in the Town's books and numerous items were misclassified. The cut-off date between the Treasurer and the Town did not agree. We requested that the Finance Director research these differences and make the necessary corrections in order for us to resume our audit. This was accomplished, and on June 8, 1998 we

completed the audit.

We strongly recommend that the accounting records be reconciled with the Treasurer on a monthly basis and any adjustments be reviewed immediately. This will prevent a recurring of the events of 1997.

Other minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

June 8, 1998

MARRIAGES REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD **For the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
February 28, 1998	Gary Todd Wilson Kathy Ann Byer	Gilford NH Gilford NH
March 7, 1998	Ronald Alfred Stone Patricia Ann Base	Gilford NH Gilford NH
April 8, 1998	Mark Petit Mason Bonnie Mae McPhail	Gilford NH Toronto Canada
April 19, 1998	David Earl Mills Kathleen Sue Rafferty	Center Harbor NH Gilford NH
May 9, 1998	Randall Charles Gardner Pamela Beth Mugford	Gilford NH Gilford NH
May 16, 1998	Kenneth Anthony Borgia Jennifer Leslie Harvey	Gilford NH Gilford NH
May 23, 1998	William John Fridlington Michelle Monique Breton	Gilford NH Gilford NH
May 29, 1998	Douglas Allan Hook Kerry Elizabeth Mulhern	Gilford NH Gilford NH
May 30, 1998	Augustus R. Poisson Wendy Ann Monroe	Laconia NH Laconia NH

Residence of each at time of Marriage

Bride and Groom

Date

May 30, 1998	Edward S. Dasilva Susanne L. Miller	Somerville MA Gilford NH
June 18, 1998	Douglas Scott Sanvido Dianne Michelle Burleson	Berea Ohio Berea Ohio
June 25, 1998	Thomas D. McKay Jr Linda S. Read	Nahant MA Nahant MA
June 28, 1998	Ray Curtis Stickney Patricia Ann Alexander	Gilford NH Gilford NH
July 18, 1998	Christopher Joseph LeBlanc Stacie Alexina Lamontagne	Gilford NH Gilford NH
July 19, 1998	Robert Norman Lachance Michelle Lynn Hickey	Gilford NH Gilford NH
July 25, 1998	Michael Anthony Scott Amy Elizabeth Clewell	Boulder Creek CA Boulder Creek CA
July 25, 1998	Joel John LeClerc Rachel Marie Evans	Westbrook ME Gilford NH
July 25, 1998	Christopher Dean Fernandez Anna Rebecca Clewell	Lynden WA Lynden WA

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
August 1, 1998	Emery Alfred Swanson Susan Marie Tappan	Gilford NH Gilford NH
August 2, 1998	Ronald Louis Valpey Jodi Lynn Ehrenberg	Marina Del Rey CA Marina Del Rey CA
August 7, 1998	Charles S. Tautkus Jr Robin Lea Wirth	Gilford NH Gilford NH
August 8, 1998	Jose Manuel Demelo Paiva II Nada Jean Florio	Cranston RI Cranston RI
August 8, 1998	Michael Alden Tibbals Mara Leah Cohn	Milford CT Milford CT
	John Frank Robertson Charlene A. Carswell	Manchester NH Manchester NH
August 14, 1998	Robert Todd McLean Jennifer Ann Ziemba	Gilford NH Gilford NH
August 16, 1998	Nathan Alfred Tidd Ellen P. Carr	Gilford NH Hopkinton NH
August 21, 1998	Paul William Schultz Dannielle Marie Stickney	Gilford NH Gilford NH

Residence of each at time of Marriage

Bride and Groom

Date

August 22, 1998	Mark Devon Betourne Judith Ann Schultz	Gilford NH Gilford NH
August 29, 1998	John R. Ryan Jr Donna Marie Sprague	Gilford NH Gilford NH
September 12, 1998	Steven Walter Marino Theresa Mary Shannon	Canton MA Canton MA
September 12, 1998	Michael Paul Gamlin Donna-Marie Segedy	Gilford NH Gilford NH
September 19, 1998	Jeffrey S. Wood Heidi L. Burns	Exeter NH Exeter NH
September 19, 1998	Robert Bruce MacDonald Susan Ellen Percy	Gilford NH Gilford NH
September 20, 1998	Christopher Todd McDonough Elizabeth Marie Mitchell	Gilford NH Gilford NH
September 20, 1998	Matthew David Boucher Jennifer Yvonne Nash	Penacook NH Gilford NH
September 26, 1998	John Robert Dickey Tracy Swain	New Hartford CT Hamilton MA

Residence of each at time of Marriage

Bride and Groom

Date

September 26, 1998	Daniel Robert Boucher Christine M. Sanichara	Roslindale MA Roslindale MA
October 2, 1998	Mark Russell Rainville Denise Marie Szafranski	St Petersburg FL St Petersburg FL
October 3, 1998	Dain Farrell Stokes Rebecca Lynne Kelling	Gilford NH Gilford NH
October 10, 1998	Richard James Fortier Winnifred Ann Bolduc	Gilford NH Gilford NH
October 11, 1998	Edward Glenn Valpey Kimberly Jane Garvin	Gilford NH Gilford NH
October 17, 1998	Kyle George Mikulis Brenda Lynn Johnson	Newton MA Newton MA
October 24, 1998	Mark Steven Camerato Rene Dawn Fasshauer	Chestnut Hill MA Chestnut Hill MA
October 31, 1998	Richard P. Dean Karen M. Adams	Gilford NH Gilford NH
October 31, 1998	Daniel Joseph Flynn Judith D. Kablik	Niantic CT Niantic CT

Residence of each at time of Marriage

Bride and Groom

Date

Haverhill MA
Gilford NH
Gilford NH
Gilford NH
Gilford NH

Matthew John Brown
Deborah Merine Woods
Charles Richard Elliott
Karen Marie Samuelsen
Kevin E. Flanders
M. Elizabeth Reinhart

November 7, 1998

November 16, 1998

December 31, 1998

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AEE
Town Clerk

**DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name
Feb. 9, 1998	Gilford	Martha Heinzmann	Unknown Kuesel Unknown Unknown
March 9, 1998	Gilford	Morrell Edgar Swain	Bert F. Swain Ivy May Chesley
March 14, 1998	Gilford	Ion Stanton Jackson	Ion Andrew Jackson Florence Stiter
March 20, 1998	Gilford	Maurice Norman Durgin	David Durgin Beatrice Mitchell
March 29, 1998	Gilford	Ella Viola Putney	William Odgers Ella Eccleston
April 3, 1998	Gilford	Gerald Alan Fontaine	Richard P. Fontaine Joan Nelson
April 12, 1998	Gilford	Walter Michael Rodrigues	Joe Rodrigues Charlotte Rodrigues
April 26, 1998	Gilford	Donald Ellsworth Gove Jr	Donald E. Gove Alice Perham
May 24, 1998	Gilford	Gard Wilson Twaddle Jr	Gard Wilson Twaddle Sr Jessie Farley
May 24, 1998	Gilford	Benjamin John Ahlgren	Stephen C Ahlgren Mary Nelson
July 19, 1998	Gilford	Alma Desrosiers Tuxbury	Adrian Desrosiers Mary Marcoullis
August 3, 1998	Gilford	Nelson Bacon Page	Otto C. Page Eleanor Bacon
August 7, 1998	Gilford	Norman Joseph Bernard	Alphee Bernard Emelda Bernard
August 20, 1998	Gilford	Thelma Valentine Fletcher	Charles H Lyman Marie Poire
September 6, 1998	Gilford	Carl Lerone Hewitt	James W. Hewitt Lois Metzler

Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name
September 7, 1998	Gilford	Roger Adelard Leclair	Leon Leclair Edwilda Fortin
October 5, 1998	Gilford	Isabelle Angelina Deblois	Joseph Theberge Laura Picard
October 31, 1998	Gilford	Pearl Elizabeth Laroche	Stephen Gallant Elizabeth Gallant
December 29, 1998	Gilford	Crawford Swasey Wentworth	George S. Wentworth

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Town Clerk

**BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

Date	Child's Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Sept. 25, 1998	Torre Geordan Davy	Daniel W. Davy	Lisa B. Davy	Gilford

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AEA
Town Clerk

Annual Report
of the
School District
of the town of
GILFORD
New Hampshire

for the year ending

June 30, 1998

**OFFICERS OF THE
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Moderator

Suzanne Rock

Clerk

Kathy Francke

Sue Irving - pro tem

Treasurer

Cathleen Pierce

Auditors

Plodzik, & Sanderson

SCHOOL BOARD

Susan D. Allen, Chairperson

Term Expires 1999

Kent Baron, Vice Chairperson

Term Expires 2000

Kevin Hayes, Clerk

Term Expires 2001

Carryl Krohne

Term Expires 2000

Douglas Scott

Term Expires 2001

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Steve Russell

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Carolann Wais

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Edward Emond

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Lori DeTrude

Regular meetings of the School Board

First and Third Monday of Each Month

*7:15 p.m. - Gilford Elementary School

*Changed to 6:00 p.m. as of 1/99

GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 18, 1998

The 1998 Annual Gilford School District Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 18 at the Gilford Middle-High School. School District Moderator John Kitchen opened the meeting at 7 p.m. He recognized Elizabeth Chase, Terry Selig, and Natalia Rock, the student microphone runners, and introduced Kathy Francke, School District Clerk; Jim Annis, Budget Committee chair; Paul Fitzgerald, School District Attorney; Carryl Krohne, School Board chair; and School Board Members Susan Allen, Gail Tapply, Evans Juris, and Kent Baron. Mr. Kitchen then announced the results of the March 10, 1998 voting. Nine hundred fifty-five ballots were cast; SB-2, which needed a 60% majority, failed with 460 yes votes and 458 no. School Board Member candidates received the following votes for two three year term positions:

Douglas Scott	569 (elected)
J. Kevin Hayes	530 (elected)
Jack Lynch	304

Cathleen Pierce, running unopposed, was elected to the one year term of School District Treasure with 772 votes. Kathy Francke, also unopposed, was elected to the one year term of School District Clerk with 772 votes. The contested position of School District Moderator (one year term) results were:

Suzanne Rock	445 votes (elected)
John Kitchen	434 votes

The Moderator requested that all newly elected officials be sworn in after the meeting. After various school activities related announcements, Mr. Kitchen recognized Carryl Krohne, who thanked those in attendance for their interest in Gilford's schools. She then introduced SAU 30 Superintendent Dr. Steven Russell, and SAU 30 Business Administrator Ed Emond and thanked them for their assistance with the district budget. Mrs. Krohne also introduced SAU 30 Assistant Superintendent Carol Ann Weiss; and Gilford principals Marianne True of the middle-high school, and Mike Tocci of the elementary school. She then expressed her appreciation for the Moderator's twelve years of service, which was shared by the public. Mrs. Krohne introduced retiring board members Gail Tapply, who had served twelve years, and Evans Juris, who served three. They were given several presents, including framed student art work, and a Pepi Herrmann crystal bowl for Gail Tapply, inscribed with the dates of her service. After comments from both retiring members, the Moderator remembered School District Treasurer, the late Edgar Kenney, and then reviewed the procedures of the meeting. Warrant

Article I was read:

That the salaries for the District Officers be set for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	\$ 20.00
District Clerk	20.00
Chairperson of School Board	1,500.00
School Board Members (4) each	1,000.00
District Treasurer	1,600.00

The Article, recommended by both the School Board and the Budget Committee, was moved by Susan Allen, seconded by Evans Juris. There being no discussion, the Article passed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article II:

That the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees be accepted as printed in the 1997 Town Report.

Carryl Krohne moved the Article; Sue Allen seconded. With no discussion offered, the motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Kitchen proceeded to Article III:

That the Gilford School District raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Dollars (\$133,000) for the purpose of the development of engineering plans for an energy retrofit for the heat and lighting systems at Gilford Middle High School.

Recommended by both the School Board and the Budget Committee, the Article was moved by Gail Tapply and seconded by Kent Baron. Ms. Tapply spoke to the motion, referring the community to the information sheet provided. She reviewed the history of the proposal, and referred to the comparison of heating costs between Laconia High School, a much larger and more intensely used building than Gilford Middle High. Mr. Kitchen opened the floor to discussion.

Dick Campbell spoke in favor of the Article, but had a procedural question. Since the Article was not listed as a "Special Warrant Article", he was asked if the Board would restrict the money to the use specified. Ms. Tapply replied that, as a retiring member, she could not speak for the future board, but that Mr. Campbell's point would surely be noted.

During further questions regarding the process for determining the sum requested, and an opinion that such a proposal was premature considering other needs of the building, it was also noted that the project would now be eligible for State funding assistance. With no further questions, the Moderator re-read the Article, and it passed by voice vote.

Mr. Kitchen read Article IV:

That the Gilford School District raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$112,000) for the purpose of funding Capital Improvements at Gilford Elementary School and Gilford Middle High School. Specifically to include:

- *Replacement of the Middle High School Gym Bleachers—\$76,000

- *Replacement of the track long jump and pole vault runway—\$10,000

- *Replacement of Auditorium Seating—\$26,000

The Article, recommended by both the School Board and Budget Committee, was moved by Gail Tapply, and seconded by Sue Allen. Ms. Tapply spoke to the motion, noting that the needs for projects proposed were very visible to the community. Bette MacDonald questioned the absence of any Elementary School projects in the Article which named both. Gail Tapply explained that the original Article, when submitted to the Budget Committee, included projects at the Elementary School which were cut by the Budget Committee; that action was not reflected in the wording of the Article. After the Elementary School principal's quip, Mr. Kitchen re-read the motion, and it carried by voice vote.

The Moderator proceeded to Article V:

That the Gilford School District vote to accept the provisions of RSA 194-C providing for the withdrawal of the Gilford School District from School Administrative Unit #30 involving the school districts of Laconia and Gilmanton, in accordance with the provisions of the proposed district plan. The Article was moved by Kent Baron, and seconded by Evans Juris. Mr. Kitchen recognized Chuck Clark, Chairman of the SAU Planning Committee to speak to the motion, and answer questions. Mr. Clark reviewed the history of the Planning Committee, explained that upon the conclusion of their study, their decision was unanimous in this recommendation; and the State Board of Education had approved their plan. He noted that passage of the Article would require a 60% vote.

Mark Wright questioned the source of personnel services presently provided by SAU 30 offices, and what the effects would be on the operation of the schools. Mr. Clark explained that the plan endorsed by the committee would enable the School Board to meet needs as times changed. Referring to the information bulletin provided by the committee, he noted that the committee had recommended an administrator rather than superintendent, and that the financial services of the district could be contracted from the Town of Gilford.

Alan Demko spoke in favor of a Gilford SAU, but he questioned the proposed administrative formats considering the "certified" requirements of the State, as well as the projected cost of financial services. Mr. Clark responded that the committee's recommendations were illustrative only,

and attempted to address public concerns of costs; nothing was cast in stone, and decisions concerning the qualifications of personnel would be made by the School Board, in accordance with State Law.

Barry Grevatt asked whether projected costs included the cost of facilities, and how the proposal would affect the Vocational Education opportunities in Laconia. Mr. Clark explained that since an SAU served only an administrative function, any change would not affect educational agreements between Gilford and other School Districts, and while the proposed location was specifically left vague, the projected costs did include them.

The Moderator recognized Carryl Krohne, who explained that the issue before the voters was a conceptual one, which would allow the board to move forward with more definitive plans. Gail Tapply explained her position as the lone dissenter on the Board. Her position was based on the lack of a strategic plan for Gilford, her perception that the maximum potential of SAU 30 was unexplored, and appreciation of the joint economic development endeavors of Gilford and Laconia.

In further discussion from the community, Alida Milham cautioned that Gilford and Laconia have a common economic base; the proposal could be more costly; and it could lead to some educational isolation.

David Witham questioned the potential costs and the possible gains of the motion. Mr. Clark explained that the costs were dependent on the degree of administration required, and the feeling of the committee that at present Gilford Schools had the services of 1/3 the SAU 30 administrators, while District needs were of full-time positions.

Further comments supported the motion. Dick Campbell emphasized the concept of local control; principal Mike Tocci spoke of the principals' perception of the profound positive impact possible with autonomy, and the continued sharing of resources and personnel with Laconia. Former Middle-High School principal William MacLean stated that SAU 30 had outgrown its usefulness: the Laconia School District was large and complex enough to require the full services of its own SAU.

Following Alan Demko's request for clarification of the reports provided, Nella Crowell questioned why Gilmanton would not be included in the proposal, and what items would wish to be more controlled by the District. Mr. Clark noted that it was up to Gilmanton to decide their administrative structures. Greg Dickinson, then Doug Lambert, both speaking in favor of the motion, added that budget and administration would be locally controlled. Evans Juris commented that the administrative costs which Gilford presently pays only provide for 1/3 the services of SAU 30; the same sum could support administration whose sole focus was the community. There being no further comment, the Moderator reminded the assembly that a 60% vote was required. He would begin with a voice vote; if doubted, a standing tally would be called. Mr. Kitchen re-read the motion; it carried by voice vote.

The Moderator proceeded to Article V:

That the Gilford School District raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$36,700) for the purpose of funding the transition of the Gilford School District central office services as presented in the district SAU plan.

Moved by Evans Juris, seconded by Kent Baron, the Article was recommended by both the School Board and the Budget Committee. Mr. Juris spoke to the motion, stating that it would fund the furnishing and supplies of an administrative office for July 1, 1999 occupancy, and clarified the question raised regarding possible buy-out of Gilford's SAU 30 investments. After further questions regarding furnishing estimates, the Moderator reread the motion, which carried by voice vote.

Mr. Kitchen read Article VII:

That the Gilford School District raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Million, Eight Hundred Ninety Two Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$10,892,633.00) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officers and agents, and for payment of statutory obligations of the district.

Recommended by both the School Board and the Budget Committee, the Article was moved by Carryl Krohne and seconded by Sue Allen. The Moderator recognized Jim Annis, Budget Committee chair, who explained the Budget Committee involvement in the School District budget development. Mr. Annis also noted that a large portion of the School District Budget was consumed by fixed costs, which increased by 10%; yet the total budget recommended by the Committee had an over all increase of 4.3%, excluding additional warrant articles.

With little further discussion, the Moderator re-read the motion, which carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Kitchen read Citizen Petition Article VIII:

To see if the voters agree to direct the Gilford School Board to do whatever is necessary to implement a phonics based reading program in the elementary level grades within one year of the passage of this Article. The specific purpose of this article is to improve the quality of instruction in the Gilford Schools by providing all Gilford students with the highest reading and grammatical skills possible.

The Moderator recognized Doug Lambert who moved the motion, which was seconded from the floor. Mr. Lambert then addressed the motion, explaining that the intent was to establish an integrated phonics based Language Arts curriculum for grades K-5 of 30 minutes per day in order to develop highest possible reading and spelling skills.

In discussion, Phil Arel noted that phonics was a part of the Language

Arts program; his greater concern was whether a School District Meeting forum should or could direct curricular issues.

Carryl Krohne requested explanation of the Language Arts program at the Elementary School for the benefit of the community. Principal Mike Tocci expressed appreciation for the input, but dismay for its method. He explained that phonics was but one of the strategies used in the Language Arts program, which was intended to meet the needs of all students. He further stated that Gilford's programs were a community based education, with valuable input from parents and volunteers. He then deferred to Paula Dickinson, reading specialist at the Elementary School. She defined phonics, meaning, and knowledge as the three basic components of the Language Arts program. After reviewing the history of reading program development, the role of phonics in the reading program, and the integration of methods between parents and teachers, the floor was opened to questions.

Dick Campbell was of the opinion that the meeting could not dictate such matters; it could act in an advisory capacity only. School District Attorney Fitzgerald concurred. Following discussion included Mr. Lambert's rationale for his motion, various perceptions of education received, state assessment test results, and the amount of time spent at Board Meetings considering curricular decisions, the question was called, and the Moderator noted that a petition per RSA 40:4-a for a ballot vote for the article had been received. The ballot officials were sworn in; results of the written vote on Article VIII were 146 no, 21 yes.

The Moderator read Citizen Petition Article IX:

To see if the voters agree to direct the Gilford School Board to reverse its policy to limit or prevent public participation at public meetings and, instead

- *1. Schedule at least 1 minutes at the beginning and the end of each meeting and to accept public comments about items NOT on the agenda,

- *2. Set aside a reasonable amount of time after the board has discussed each agenda item, but before it votes on the item, to allow the public to ask questions an/or offer suggestions on the matter, and

- *3. Answer all questions from the public when asked or, if the answer is not readily available, to provide the answer publicly at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board. Deferred answers shall be scheduled items in the "old business" portion of the agenda.

The purpose of this Article is to promote the involvement of the community in the education of its children and to foster a positive relationship between the community and its elected school board representatives.

The Moderator recognized Doug Lambert who moved the motion as read; it was seconded from the floor. Mr. Lambert spoke to the motion, stating that its intent was to facilitate community involvement. Carryl

Krohne replied that the Gilford School Board has had a long standing policy of public participation which encouraged meeting attendance for better acquaintance of operations and programs, and for board accessibility to the comments and suggestions of the public. She emphasized, however, that a meeting held in public should not be confused with a public meeting, and explained the board's position on public input at its regular meetings.

Following Dick Campbell's note that a vote for the Article would be advisory only, which could recognize the authority of the board to limit debate, and a question regarding the necessity for another petitioned ballot vote, the Moderator affirmed the ballot vote. The question was called, and carried by voice vote. Ballot results were 28 yes; 91 no.

The Moderator read Article X:

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

There being no further business for the District to consider, Gail Tapply moved to adjourn; Evans Juris seconded. Following the affirmative vote, Moderator Kitchen adjourned the Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Francke
School District Clerk

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the numerous accomplishments of the Gilford School District. This past year has been a continuation of providing a quality education to our students and the beginning of new ventures.

The Gilford School Board continued to pursue the following goals for the 1998-99 school year:

1. To improve fiscal planning/budgeting and overall operations;
2. To initiate a strategic planning process involving the schools and community;
3. To continue facility planning and past space needs efforts;
4. To facilitate the withdrawal from SAU #30.

In addition, the following building goals were adopted:

Gilford Elementary School:

1. To continue the process of aligning our existing curriculum to the NH Curriculum Frameworks, incorporating the use of a variety of assessment techniques to drive instruction;
2. To define the structure and role of instructional teams and their functions.

Gilford Middle High School:

1. To continue the preparation process for the NEASC ten-year reaccreditation evaluation in March, 1999;
2. To continue to explore new and different methods of teaching which will better serve the diverse needs of our growing student population;
3. To continue to work toward improving school climate by emphasizing the importance of respect and responsibility within Gilford Middle-High School;
4. To improve communication between and among faculty, staff, and administration.

With the continuation of the NEASC (New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges) accreditation process the following Philosophy Statement was adopted.

“An exemplary public school has specific qualities intended to foster respect for learning as a life-long process. Gilford Middle-High School is committed to instilling in students a willingness to succeed academically and socially by creating a safe and motivating

environment in which respect and responsibility are keys to personal growth and achievement. We seek, for all of our students, proficiency in reading, communication, mathematics, the arts, sciences, technologies, problem solving, and critical thinking. We believe that such skills are developed not only through classroom experiences, but also through opportunities for students to participate in local workplace settings, exchanges, and field trips, using their academic skills in real-life contexts. It is the intention of Gilford Middle-High School to impart relevant and practical knowledge to students, so that they may function responsibly within their communities and the world. We encourage students to strive for their highest potential, to discover their unique strengths and talents, and to establish a life plan that includes learning as a valued component of a life well lived."

The Gilford School Board looks forward to the formation of the new SAU #73. Dr. Stephen Russell has been hired as the Superintendent and David Perry will be the new Business Administrator. The SAU Transition Committee recommended the SAU be located at the Gilford Town Hall and staffed with five people. The School Board endorsed the location, but decided to bring a proposal of 4.5 staff positions to the district meeting. In an effort to reach a wider audience, the school board also televised the SAU Public Hearing and postponed the board's vote to a later date allowing additional public input.

With the retirement of Pat Bennett after 26 years with the Gilford School District, the board quickly moved to fill her position as Assistant Principal of Gilford Elementary School. As we conveyed our best wishes to Pat, we all welcomed Sandra McGonagle as our new Assistant Principal.

The board continues to be committed to maintaining the existing relationship with Gilmanton. The AREA Agreement Committee has met throughout the year, involving board members and committee members. Both the Gilford and Gilmanton Boards hope to bring an updated AREA Agreement to the March school district meeting for approval. The two boards have been holding joint meetings approximately every other month throughout 1998. Our goal has been to address common issues and concerns. This year has also found a "new face" at the regular school board meetings as a Gilmanton School Board member has been making an effort to attend and participate in discussions involving high school issues.

Also, periodic meetings with the Gilford Board of Selectmen have allowed the two boards to work together on the issues that involve the Town of Gilford. The uncertainty of the direction the State of New Hampshire will take as a result of the Claremont Lawsuit and the effect

it will have on the Town of Gilford is a concern of both boards.

The commitment to create a Strategic Plan for the Gilford School District remains as a major goal of the board. The hiring of Jim Trent from Phi Delta Kappa, and the formation of a strategic planning committee made up of citizens, and educators have started the process. As we start the 1999 year, the work will continue involving a broader audience which will include Gilford and Gilmanton residents.

With the untimely death of Kathy Francke, the School District Clerk, we all found ourselves facing the loss of a dear friend and advocate. We are thankful for her many contributions to the children of the community. She will be greatly missed.

I have only highlighted a few of the school board's efforts for 1998. To see a wider picture, you need to visit our schools. The students and all their accomplishments are the result of a total community effort, our teachers, staff, administration, and community members working together to make the best use of our resources and striving for the quality education that Gilford prides itself on.

Susan D. Allen
Gilford School Board Chairperson

REPORT OF THE GILFORD MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

On September 2, 1998, 843 middle and high school students reported to Gilford Middle-High School as we began the 1998-1999 school year. Throughout the last year our students and staff, with the support of our parents and community members, remain a source of pride for our communities.

Goals for the 1998-99 school year have been centered around our efforts to prepare for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges decennial visit to GMHS. Students, staff, parents and community members have worked diligently to prepare for this time of evaluation, and we look forward to welcoming fourteen educators from the New England area for four days in March of this year. This visitation will revolve around ten standards reports with a focus on teaching and learning at both the middle and high school levels.

Our students continue to be a source of pride to the school and community. Once again Advanced Placement testing bears out academic achievement in the following areas:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Number Tested</u>	<u>Percentage Who Scored in the 3,4,5 Range</u>
Calculus, AP	9	75 %
English Lit. & Comp.	12	83 %
English Lang. & Comp.	7	88 %
U.S. History	13	77 %
Chemistry	5	60 %
Spanish Language	1	100 %

In 1998, close to seventy percent of our students went on to four year colleges, while 10 percent attended two year technical colleges. Fourteen percent of the senior class entered the work force and the remaining 7 percent joined the armed forces or entered into other endeavors.

Applied learning continues to be an area of emphasis for our students and staff at Gilford Middle High School, in terms of curriculum development, staff training and student experiences. The number of students involved in internships continues to grow, while our staff has increased their commitment to business outreach and applied learning opportunities. The results of this endeavor include students having a better understanding of career opportunities and expectations. The

addition of a school-to-career Sophomore Conference last fall received enthusiastic reviews, and we look to expand this program by adding a Junior Conference this spring. Plans are also underway for a Career Day for our Gilford and Gilmanton seventh graders, which will be coordinated with our colleagues in Gilmanton.

Last Spring middle school students and staff proudly hosted the First Annual Middle School Community Night, an evening filled with student presentations, displays and projects highlighting their academic work throughout the year. Interdisciplinary projects continue to enhance student learning this year, as students engage in lessons that cross content areas.

Our students continue to receive positive feedback from area communities as they work on community service projects throughout the year. Donations to the annual Santa Fund, beach clean-up, and involvement at the Salvation Army, area nursing homes, Headstart, and the Humane Society, to name a few, have contributed to our students learning more about the world around them. Most importantly their contributions of time and caring have made a difference!

The staff of Gilford Middle-High School also brings a great deal of pride to our school community. Below are just a few examples of recognition received by the professionals who work with our young people:

In October 1998, Lynn Makepeace, Marcia Haughey, and Judy Klubben accepted the **Excellence in Education Gold Ribbon Award** for Visual Arts presented by the New Hampshire Art Education Association.

Health teacher Julie Andrews was awarded the **NHAHPERD Outstanding Professional Award** for Health by the New Hampshire Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Association in November 1998. Miriam York was also honored for 25 years of outstanding service to this organization.

Scott Hutchison has been named to the Advisory Board of *21st Century Magazine* and won first place in an international fiction writing contest sponsored by *Thoroughbred Times*.

In June, Judith Lavoie, High School Reading Specialist, was elected by New Hampshire educators to serve a three year term on the **Executive Board of the New England Reading Association**.

Rosa Blais, Louise Gosselin, Irene Santaniello, Monica Sawyer and, now retired Don Stephenson, were chosen to be written into *Who's Who in American Teachers, 1998*. They were chosen for this distinction by former students who themselves were listed in either *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*.

Looking to enhance student offerings, several staff members applied for, and received, grants this year. Food Service Director, Joyce Liebl, applied for the Healthy School Meals Initiative Grant through the New Hampshire State Department of Education. Her efforts were rewarded with a grant which will go toward the purchase of a computer to be used for the publication of a K-12 newsletter on nutrition. The Fine and Performing Arts Department's efforts to obtain the Artist in Residence Grant were rewarded by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts and will be used to sponsor our Artist in Residence program this April.

Extra-Curricular Participation

Activities outside of the classroom setting provide our students with opportunities to grow and learn, and Gilford Middle-High School can be proud of its extra-curricular offerings.

Again this year, Everett Edmunds has coached his Stock Market Team members to first place status. Five students, Cori Abikoff, Samantha Burgess, Luke Federspiel, Margaret Maloney and Melissa Salmon, were honored at a luncheon last May. Out of 776 schools which entered the program to recognize Excellence in Student Literature Magazines, sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English, GMHS student editors, Adrian Stites, Erin McCown, Bill Watt and Graham Burke, received an award for Excellence for *Obsessive Image*. In addition, the American Scholastic Press Association designated its first place magazine award to *Obsessive Image*. Our praises also go to Scott Hutchison and Perry Onion who were the faculty sponsors for this school magazine. Twenty-three different Gilford students' writings appear in various 1998 editions of *21st Century Magazine* and *21st Century Poetry Journal*. GMHS and Plymouth Regional High School co-hosted the NH Young Writers' Conference at our facility in April of 1998. This is the third consecutive year that Gilford has hosted this full-day event which combines students, teachers and writers from across the Granite State for readings, workshops and classes. Sara McLaughlin was one of only 200 students chosen from the six New England States to attend the New England Young Writers' Conference held at the Bread Loaf Campus of Middlebury College last May. Too numerous to mention are the participants and winners of the *PTA Reflections* program, *The National Reading: Writers' Harvest*, the *All Student Reading*, and *The 1998 Showcase Magazine Holiday Writing and Art Contest*, which reaches over 150,000 readers through *The Citizen* and *Foster's Daily Democrat*.

Our dramatic and performing arts department continues to be a

source of pride for us as we welcomed the community to view outstanding performances by our middle-high school students in productions of *Fiddler on the Roof*, *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, and *Hello Dolly!* In addition, we continue to host regional and state-wide conferences in the areas of drama and music, which enable us to showcase the talents of our students.

Athletics

At this fall's NHIAA Annual Meeting I proudly accepted on behalf of our student athletes and coaches, the NHIAA/National Federation of State High School Association's Award of Excellence for outstanding sportsmanship.

Last winter the Boys' Alpine ski team received recognition for their great season as State Runner-Up in Division I, while our Boys' Nordic Team was named State Champions in Division I. Last spring our Varsity Baseball Team was named Runner-Up in the State Tournament Championship, while our Varsity Softball Team advanced to the quarter finals. Outstanding individual performances were contributed by members of the Boys' and Girls' Track and Field Teams as well. This past fall, the Varsity Field Hockey Team won its second consecutive Field Hockey championship. Our Varsity Volleyball Team placed second in the State Finals, while our Golf Team was undefeated in the regular season and named Runner-Up in the State Championship. Krista Evans was recognized for her outstanding performances in cross country this year as well.

As an ongoing extension of our appreciation to the many community people who support the education of Gilford/Gilmanton students, we would like to publicly thank the many volunteers who help in so many ways at GMHS. Helping out with sixth grade orientation, distributing the Aerie, chaperoning events, providing goodies for dances, fundraisers and other extra-curricular activities, as well as pitching in tirelessly to assist with numerous individual classroom projects are just a few examples of the contributions they make to the educational experiences of our young people. The Gilford District PTA continues to sponsor many programs for the school and community, providing monetary support to a wide variety of school projects, meals for teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences, a dessert buffet to recognize teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and at the end of the school year, just to name a few. The PTA has provided more than \$16, 175 in scholarships since its inception in 1989. Many people are touched personally by their dedication to the educational process.

In closing, I would like to thank the communities of Gilford and

Gilmanton for the privilege of working at Gilford Middle-High School. I continue to appreciate the hard work of our students and staff, our volunteers and community members as well as the support of the School Board, Dr. Russell and the SAU staff. The commitment of our entire school community continues to be something in which we can all take pride.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne M. True
Principal

GILFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Together, all elements of the school community work to define the benchmarks that guide us and to gather the resources we need to reach our goals for the year. Throughout the year, weekly grade level, cross grade level, or whole staff meeting discussions ensure that we are continually making progress toward our goals. Curriculum assessment and alignment with the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks remain priorities for this school year. Grade level team leaders have planned staff development activities that correlate with these goals. Considerable time and energy have been spent on the analysis of state test results with the goal of improving student achievement. We have made significant progress over the past four years with the percentage of students scoring in the advanced and proficient categories while reducing the percentage of students in the basic and novice categories. We will continue to place even greater emphasis on curriculum and instructional changes that we believe will further advance the overall level of student achievement. We are especially pleased with the significant progress that has been made in the improvement of student scores in mathematics. The adoption of a new basal program, coupled with instructional changes targeted to help students with better application of their math concepts, have proven to be successful. Our teachers deserve credit for setting higher standards in the math curriculum for all students at all grade levels. The language arts curriculum remains a strong area; however, the curricula areas of science and social studies need closer review and alignment with the New Hampshire Curriculum Frameworks.

Staff training and curriculum development are designed to meet the individual needs of all students and to ensure that the Gilford Elementary School curriculum remains current in our rapidly changing times. The areas of reading, science, curriculum integration, writing process and technology are emphasized during inservice programs.

With the support of faculty from Plymouth State College and the University of New Hampshire, Gilford Elementary School is piloting an instructional model in some first, second and third grade classrooms. The model encourages students to use problem solving techniques, higher order thinking and interpersonal skills to improve academic achievement and build community within the classroom. If we find that this program is beneficial, we will implement it in other classrooms.

A major technology grant was awarded to Gilford Elementary School that allowed us to purchase software programs that are aligned with our curriculum. The integration of technology to enhance

instruction and broaden the content of the school's curriculum was improved as a result of this substantial grant.

The Gilford Elementary School Code of Conduct continues to have a positive influence in reinforcing good behavior, respect for others and the development of good character and citizenship. Clear behavioral expectations help students realize that they will be accountable for their choices.

The safety of our students is of utmost importance. We were concerned about the number of exterior doors left unlocked during the school day and how easy it was for someone to gain access to our building. To eliminate this concern, we installed electronically coded devices for all exterior doors that now remain locked at all times. All visitors to our school are required to use the main entrance at all times.

Students are recognized by the school staff and administration for positive behavior, high academic achievement and good citizenship at Showcase, a school-wide assembly to celebrate student success across the curriculum. Showcase is aired on our local cable network, channel 25. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to see the diverse curriculum that students experience at Gilford Elementary. We plan to expand our use of the cable network in the future by highlighting other school events.

Gilford Elementary School works hard to forge a bond with parents and the community by involving them in school events and by encouraging participation in our volunteer program. We have over 150 parent volunteers who assist in classrooms and with special school events such as the Panda Bowl, Lakes Region Quiz Bowl, Artist in Residence Program, performing arts productions, field trips, and many others.

We are very proud of the reputation our school enjoys. We are viewed as a safe, friendly school with high expectations for students' academic and social growth. Special programs for students like Dare, After-School Enrichment, Jazz Band, Chorus, Odyssey of the Mind, Hot School, School to School Program, and the Summer Day Program provide additional ways in which students can enrich their learning experiences.

Gilford Elementary School administrators, with assistance from professional and support staff, continue to place high priority in recruiting the best possible candidates for staff vacancies as they occur. New personnel for this school year include: Sandra McGonagle, assistant principal; Brenda Howard and Nancy Wright as special education teachers; Michelle Martinelli, third grade teacher; and Linda Bettoney, fifth grade teacher. Support staff hired are Pam Hayes and

Andrea Dery as assistant teachers; Linda McLaughlin, ESL tutor; Sara McKenzie, special education aide; and Donna Lewis, secretary.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the support and commitment of the many school volunteers who actively help to promote student learning by assisting teachers and specialists, the Volunteer Steering Committee who governs the volunteer program, the Gilford School District P.T.A. for their outstanding support, as well as the Gilford School Board and the S.A.U. personnel.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Tocci
Principal

**SCHOOL STATISTICS
GILFORD ELEMENTARY
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

As of December, 1997

Elementary	Grade	
	K	76
	1	97
	2	74
	3	103
	4	101
	5	<u>87</u>
	Total Elementary	538
Middle School	6	103
	7	102
	8	<u>116</u>
	Total Middle	321
High School	9	147
	10	123
	11	145
	12	<u>115</u>
	Total High	530

**REPORT OF THE GILFORD
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998**

Fund Balance 7/1/97 **\$12,538.23**

REVENUES

Food Sales	\$ 261,026.54	
Special Functions	712.15	
Interest	38.00	
Misc.	21.00	
State & Fed. Reimbursement	45,160.00	
Intergovernmental Transfers	6,371.00	
Misc. Receivables	57.90	
Total Revenues		\$313,386.63

EXPENSES

Food	\$127,913.82	
Labor	176,572.24	
Expendables	4,678.58	
Repairs	1,678.24	
Misc. Purchases	1,505.26	
Contracted Services	330.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$312,678.06</u>

Fund Balance 6/30/98 **\$ 13,246.80**

Cash Financial Statement

Cash Balance 7/1/97	\$ 15,050.49	
Total Cash Received	313,398.43	
		\$328,448.92
Total Cash Expended	\$312,691.92	

Cash Balance		\$ 15,757.00
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Proof to Fund Balance

Cash	\$15,757.00	
Receivables	(+) 3,320.90	
		\$19,077.99

Payables	(-) 5,831.10	
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FUND BALANCE 6/30/98 **\$13,246.80**

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Liebl, R.D. Gilford School Lunch Director

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1998**

Revenues

Revenue From Local Sources - General Fund	
1121 Taxes - Current Appropriation	\$ 8,427,994.00
1122 Deficit Appropriation	-0-
1312 Tuition - Other LEA's Within NH	1,224,970.00
1350 Driver Education Tuition	16,500.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	15,838.00
1700 Pupil Activities	1,197.00
1910 Rental	570.00
Other Revenue	13,300.00
Summer School Tuition	23,680.00
 Total Local Revenue	 9,724,049.00
Revenue From State Sources - General Fund	
3120 Foundation Aid	-0-
3210 School Building Aid	86,122.00
3222 Transportation	3,328.00
3230 Driver Education	14,150.00
3240 Handicapped Aid	41,603.00
Other	64,500.00
Total Revenue From State Sources - General Fund	209,703.00
Revenue from Federal Sources -	
General Fund Medicaid Reimbursements	46,061.00
 Total Revenue - General Fund	 9,979,813.00

Expenditures

General Fund Expenditures - Elementary School	
1100 Regular Education Programs	1,667,139.16
1200 Special Education Programs	241,524.25
1400 Other programs	39,221.72
2120 Guidance	96,806.05
2130 Health	45,363.92
2140 Psychological	14,109.80
2150 Speech Pathology	39,632.97
2210 Improvement of Instruction	16,484.80

2220 Education Media	183,373.83
2290 Other Instructional Staff	0
2310 School Board	17,710.55
2320 Office of Superintendent	95,976.32
2400 School Administration	284,171.17
2540 Operation and Maintenance of Plant	305,910.85
2550 Pupil Transportation	100,977.56
2600 Other Services	3,051.86

Total Elementary General Fund Expenditures	3,151,454.81
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General Fund Expenditures - Middle School

1100 Regular Education Programs	1,255,005.17
1200 Special Education Programs	190,165.81
1400 Other Instructional Programs	61,272.19
2120 Guidance	61,014.77
2130 Health	14,253.72
2140 Psychological	5,491.59
2150 Speech Pathology	7,539.47
2210 Improvement of Instruction	8,514.13
2220 Educational Media	78,437.89
2290 Other Instructional Staff	0
2310 School Board	10,739.37
2320 Office of Superintendent	58,198.41
2400 School Administration	154,880.99
2540 Operation and Maintenance of Plant	234,002.67
2550 Pupil Transportation	65,680.97
2600 Other Services	1,850.60

Total Middle General Fund Expenditures	2,207,047.75
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General Fund Expenditures - High School

1100 Regular Education Programs	2,468,177.74
1200 Special Education Programs	285,701.83
1300 Vocational Education Programs	25,835.65
1400 Other Instructional Programs	160,572.45
2120 Guidance	106,040.01
2130 Health	24,690.88
2140 Psychological	6,780.65
2150 Speech Pathology	14,001.86
2210 Improvement of Instruction	15,479.50
2220 Educational Media	136,009.06

2290 Other Instructional Staff	0
2310 School Board	18,652.61
2320 Office of Superintendent	101,081.44
2400 School Administration	272,112.05
2540 Operation and Maintenance of Plant	405,898.51
2550 Pupil Transportation	160,444.64
2600 Other Services	3,214.19

Total High School General Fund Expenditures	4,204,693.07
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General Fund Expenditures - District Wide

4000 Facilities Acquisition	101,420.00
5000 Debt Service	368,362.50
Food Service	-0-
Capital Reserve	-0-

Total District-Wide General Fund Expenditures	469,782.50
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Total General Fund Expenditures	10,032,978.13
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Statement of Changes in Fund Balance

Total Fund Surplus 7/1/97	180,249.96
Plus Revenues (See Above)	9,979,813.00
Subtotal	10,160,062.67
Less Expenditures (see above)	10,032,978.13
Total Fund Balance 6/30/98	127,084.54

AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the School Board
Gilford School District
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998 as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As in the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Gilford School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Gilford School District, as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with general accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Gilford School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District. Such information

has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

August 3, 1998

James A. Sojka, CPA
Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

Gunstock Acres
Water District

GAVWD PROPOSED 1999 BUDGET

	1997	1997	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999
	BUDGETED	Actual(unaudited)	BUDGETED	Actual(unaudited) 3rd quarter	Projected	Primary Proposed			
Maintenance	\$63,000.00	\$62,371.48	\$63,000.00	\$47,565.00	\$61,000.00	\$63,000.00			\$193,813.00
Supplies	\$16,000.00	\$15,529.00	\$18,000.00	\$9,643.00	\$13,500.00	\$18,000.00			
Chemicals	\$8,500.00	\$8,362.40	\$8,500.00	\$8,256.00	\$8,350.00	\$8,500.00			
Utilities	\$25,000.00	\$26,352.25	\$25,000.00	\$19,822.00	\$26,429.00	\$26,500.00			
District officers	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,600.00			
Audit	\$2,400.00	\$1,820.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,640.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00			
Billing	\$1,500.00	\$1,584.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,619.00	\$1,819.00	\$1,668.00			
Administration	\$4,500.00	\$2,868.06	\$2,500.00	\$620.00	\$700.00	\$1,500.00			
Insurance	\$1,000.00	\$412.00	\$1,000.00	\$412.00	\$412.00	\$1,000.00			
Legal	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$2,000.00			
Emergency	\$13,000.00	\$17,868.00	\$19,000.00	\$14,775.00	\$16,000.00	\$19,000.00			
Engineering	\$1,000.00	\$357.50	\$1,000.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$1,000.00			
Water quality testing	\$1,500.00	\$1,261.50	\$2,500.00	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00			
Capital collection (or emergency)	\$15,000.00	"	\$15,000.00	\$3,838.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00			
Interest on tax anticipation	\$4,000.00	\$2,690.83	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,434.00	\$4,000.00			
Principal of debt.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00			
Interest of debt.	\$12,086.00	\$12,085.00	\$11,120.00	\$11,120.00	\$11,121.00	\$10,145.00			
			<u>\$194,320.00</u>						
Special warrant article		--	\$12,000.00						
Totals	\$188,296.00	\$170,672.82	\$306,320.00	\$135,642.00	\$178,397.00	\$193,813.00			

NOTES

— MONEY TO BE ACCUMULATED TO BUILD A NEW PUMPING STATION TO REPLACE PUMP STATIONS 2, 3&4 WHICH ARE ALL EXTREMELY SUB STANDARD, OR IF ONE OF THE TANKS IN A PUMP STATION FAILS & CAN NOT BE REPAIRED , THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO REPLACE TANK

ESTIMATE REVENUES:
USERS 475 X \$241
LOTS 254 X \$80
HOOK-UPS 2 X \$200

\$193,913.00 - \$136,115.00 = \$57,698.00 REMAINING FOR TAXES

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Gilford Middle High School in said Gilford, on Tuesday, the 9th of March, 1999 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles appearing on the official town ballot; and on Wednesday, the 10th of March 1999 at 7:00 p.m. for the second session to act upon the remainder of the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve an amendment to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map and Historic District Regulations, as follows:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to establish a heritage commission and combine its duties and responsibilities with the existing Historic District Commission in accordance with RSA 674:46-a Powers and Duties of the Historic District Commission, by amending Article 14, Historic District of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance to rename the Historic District Commission to the Historic District and Heritage Commission, to add a new section 14.5.2 granting the powers enumerated in RSA 674:44-b to the combined commission, including the authority to designate, subject to the written consent of the owner of property, specific structures as being historic buildings, together with a requirement that the commission maintain an official list of buildings so designated. The regulatory authority of the commission shall remain limited to its existing powers within the Historic District.

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend the definition of "Gross Floor Area" by adding a definition of "Public Access Floor Area" as being the area where the public is admitted.

Amend Article 4.7.3(p) Personal Service, by changing the maximum gross area of 2000 square feet allowed for the use, to a maximum of 3500 square feet of Public Access Floor Area.

Amend Article 4.7.3 (t) Restaurant, by adding "Public Assembly" to the use described, allowing public assemblies for amusement, exhibitions, entertainment, education and similar presentations and by changing the

maximum gross floor area of 2000 square feet allowed for the use, to a maximum of 5000 square feet of Public Access Floor Area.

Amend Article 4.7.3 (v) Retail Store, by changing the maximum gross floor area of 2000 square feet allowed for the use, to a maximum of 5000 square feet of Public Access Floor Area.

SECOND SESSION

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,095,053 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
109.00 &	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town	
110.00	Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 332,992
246.00	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	145,215
123.72	Financial Administration	86,910
110.00	Appraisal Expenses	64,256
123.60	Legal Expenses	50,000
123.24	Personnel Administration	853,289
743.00	Planning & Zoning (includes L.R.P.C.)	166,679
840.00	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support & DPW Remediation)	203,805
141.07	Cemeteries	3,550
123.14	Insurance	188,357

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,540,483 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
304.00	General Operations - Police	\$ 884,618
412.01	General Operations - Ambulance Service	58,437
401.01	General Operations - Fire	557,201
141.41	Civil Defense	300
141.45	Youth Services Bureau	36,079
141.47	New Hampshire Humane Society	3,848

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,583,370 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
830.01	Highway Division	\$ 597,490
870.33	Street Lighting	17,000
820.01	DPW Administration	83,442
850.12	Vehicle Maintenance	129,895
860.01	Solid Waste Management	327,247
933.01	Sewer Department	411,242
141.63	Laconia Water Works	17,054

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 88,704 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
141.53	Lakes Region General Hospital	\$ 3,945
141.51	Lakes Region Community Health & Hospice	18,200
141.65	New Beginnings	1,080
141.49	Community Action Program	4,079
141.57	Lakes Region Family Services	3,500
134.07	General Assistance	55,500
141.67	American Red Cross	2,400

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$302,838 for the following Culture & Recreation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
502.00	Parks & Recreation	\$127,754
523.00	Skating Rink	8,135
623.00	Library	147,449
545.00	Patriotic Purposes	6,150
752.20	Conservation Commission	2,800
755.40	Historic District Commission	550
545.83	Rowe House Restoration	10,000

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 643,196 for the following Debt Service, Capital Reserve and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
123.49	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 256,788
123.50	Interest - Long-term Bonds	136,522
123.52	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000
123.53	Principal - Winnepesaukee River Basin	4,885
141.61	Laconia Airport Authority	1
123.66	Capital Reserve - Fire Equipment	40,000
123.68	Capital Reserve – Highway Equipment	180,000
(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee)		

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$563,775 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
830.80	Capital Equipment - Highway	\$183,175
840.69	Capital Improvements – Buildings	23,837
401.33	Capital Improvements - Fire	53,863
304.33	Capital Improvements - Police	55,000
830.84	Highway Reconstruction	242,500
502.70	Capital Improvements – Recreation	5,400

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$71,000 to design and reconstruct the Village Field tennis courts and authorize the withdrawal of \$71,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The selectmen and budget committee recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and AFSCME, Local 534, regarding DPW employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

1998	\$10,900	(To be paid retroactively in 1999)
1999	\$20,051	
2000	\$31,302	

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,951 which represents the additional costs payable in 1999 attributable to cost and benefit increases under the agreement. (Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote, in conformance to RSA 41:11-a, to authorize the Selectmen to lease space within Town Hall located on Cherry Valley Road to the Gilford School District for an initial term of five years and one five year extension, under such other terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

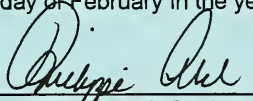
ARTICLE 13. To hear the report of the Economic Development Committee.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a town roadway that portion of Sawmill Road known as Old Route 11A, and to authorize the selectmen to convey the fee to said portion of Sawmill Road to Lemay Realty Trust or its designee, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen. The discontinuance of this roadway shall not be effective until there is constructed and opened to the public a new alternative roadway.

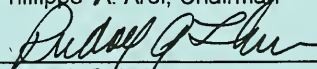
ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to clarify the actions of the 1959 and 1960 Town Meetings by a) discontinuing as a town road the old Blaisdell Avenue between Union Avenue and the existing Brook Street, a distance of approximately 280.35 feet, and b) authorizing the Selectmen to convey the town's interest in that roadway, if any, to the Thomas J. McIntyre Trust, or its designee.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance prohibiting the overnight parking of any recreational vehicle, defined to include motorhome, van pickup camper, recreational trailer, or tent trailer, within any private parking lot serving a commercial establishment and which is generally maintained for the benefit of the public. Each violation of the ordinance shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$100 (one hundred dollars).

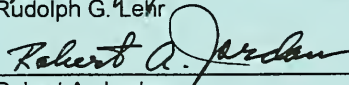
Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine.



Phillippe A. Arel, Chairman



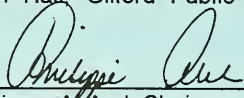
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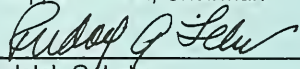


Robert A. Jordan

SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford to meet for the 1999 Town Meeting at the time and place indicated in this Warrant, by posting an attested copy of this document on February 18, 1999, at the Gilford Middle High School, the place of meeting, and at the Town Hall, Gilford Public Library and Department of Public Works.


Phillippe A. Arel, Chairman


Rudolph G. Lehr


Robert A. Jordan

SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

Subscribed and sworn to this 17th day of February 1999.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397



BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: GILFORD

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.

Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.

When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed in the file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

Loren S. Can
William C. Gagne
Alise Boucher
Debra P. Murphy
James G. Smith
Robert A. Jordan

DATE: 2/9/99

Lawrence W. Chapman, Chair
Shirley M. LaBonte
Richard Campbell
John J. White

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. Prior Year As ART. # Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTED APPROPRIATIONS ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130-4139	Executive	291,493	299,327	332,992		332,992		
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	146,247	134,489	145,215	1,838	145,215		
4150-4151	Financial Administration	76,000	81,850	86,910		86,910		
4152	Revaluation of Property	74,427	89,100	64,256		64,256		
4153	Legal Expense	50,000	59,043	50,000		50,000		
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	986,850	866,887	1,041,646		1,041,646		
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	149,857	140,820	158,408	1,896	159,408		
4194	General Government Buildings	175,117	163,130	227,642	3,300	227,642		
4195	Cemeteries	3,550	3,525	3,550		3,550		
4196	Insurance							
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,242	7,364	7,271		7,271		
4199	Other General Government							

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210-4214	Police	833,050	831,170	883,118	6,318	884,618		
4215-4219	Ambulance	59,322	50,547	59,837	300	58,437	1,400	
4220-4229	Fire	541,661	531,181	557,201	2,759	557,201		
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4290-4298	Emergency Management		00	300		300		
4299	Other (Including Communications)	34,947	34,947	39,927		39,927		

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER

4301-4309	Airport Operations							
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HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311	Administration	82,220	76,902	83,442	2,166	83,442		
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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)		WARR. Prior Year As		Appropriations		Actual		SELECTED'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
			ART. # Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Expenditures		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	
									RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.

4316	Street Lighting		17,967	17,239	17,000	17,000	17,000					
4319	Other		126,575	141,536	130,695	1,500	129,895				800	

SANITATION

4321	Administration											
4323	Solid Waste Collection											
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		307,531	340,103	327,247	10,000	327,247					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up											
4326-4329	Garage Coll. & Disposal & Other		376,349	392,524	411,903	24,495	411,242				661	

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

4331	Administration											
4332	Water Services											
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		17,054	16,888	17,054		17,054					

ELECTRIC

4351-4352	Admin. and Generation											
4353	Purchase Costs											
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance											
4359	Other Electric Costs											

HEALTH/WELEFARE

4411	Administration											
4414	Past Control											
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		31,384	31,384	33,259		33,204				55	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		55,500	46,766	55,500		55,500					
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments											
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other											

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ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3 VI)		Appropriations		Actual		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
	MARR. Prior Year As		Expenditures		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR		ENSURING FISCAL YEAR	
	ART. 8 Approved by DRA		Prior Year		RECOMMENDED		NOT RECOMMENDED	

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	128,502	115,279	135,889	1,192	135,889	
4550-4559	Library	146,169	138,673	147,449		147,449	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	6,150	6,063	6,150		6,150	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	550	378	10,550		10,550	

CONSERVATION

4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	2,800	1,144	2,800		2,800	
4619	Other Conservation						
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING						
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	120,000	7,890	0		0	

DEBT SERVICE

4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	286,538	286,538	261,673		261,673	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	161,597	161,567	136,522		136,522	
4723	Tot. on Tax Anticipation Notes	50,000	00	25,000		25,000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service						

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901	Land						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	269,416	263,938	292,038		292,038	
4903	Buildings						
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	242,500	225,148	318,900		318,900	

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912	To Special Revenue Fund						
4913	To Capital Projects Fund						
4914	To Enterprise Fund						
.	Sewer-						
.	Water-						

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		2,500	5,000	2,500
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		2,500	6,401	2,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		180,000	158,521	180,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		16,000	20,284	16,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		855,000	1,002,756	855,000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		31,000	29,025	31,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		27,500	00	15,000
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		80,000	80,000	80,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		145,132	145,132	141,500
3354	Water Pollution Grant		30,000	30,505	28,000
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		1,500	1,483	1,500
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		345,349	407,224	363,098
3409	Other Charges		140,000	140,000	140,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		15,000	13,042	15,000
3502	Interest on Investments		75,000	200,175	75,000
3503-3509	Other		8,000	00	23,100
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont. XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		377,749	377,749	411,903
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		50,000	50,000	71,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		670,000	500,000	375,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			3,052,230	3,167,297	2,827,101

"BUDGET SUMMARY"

	SCHOOL BOARD'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEES RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	6,897,297	6,888,779
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)		
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	30,951	30,951
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6,928,248	6,919,370
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	2,827,101	2,827,101
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	4,101,147	4,092,269

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1999
WARRANT**

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Gilford in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote on District affairs:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE GILFORD MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 1999, AT 7:00 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING, TO ACT UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE I. To see if the salaries of District Officers be set for the coming year as follows:

Moderator	\$ 20.00
District Clerk:	20.00
Chairperson of School Board:	1,500.00
School Board Members (4) each	1,000.00
District Treasurer	1,600.00

Recommended: School Board	Recommended: Budget Committee
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ARTICLE II. To see if the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees be accepted as printed in the 1998 Town Report.

ARTICLE III. To see if Gilford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,926,127 for the purposes of.

Replacement of the Gilford Middle-High School system with an oil heating system.

Replacement/Upgrading of the Gilford Middle-High School lighting system

Replacement/Upgrading of the Gilford Middle-High School emergency generator

TOTAL	\$1,926,127
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And to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,926,127 of bond or notes in accordance with the Provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes; and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required).

Recommended: School Board	Recommended: Budget Committee
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ARTICLE IV. To see if the Gilford School District shall accept the provisions of RSA 195-A (as amended) providing for the renewal of an AREA School located in Gilford to serve students in grades 9-12 from the school district of Gilmanton, in accordance with the provisions of the plan on file with the district clerk.

Recommended: School Board

ARTICLE V. Agreement

To see if the Gilford School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Gilford School Board and the Gilford Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
1999-00	\$ 92,412
2000-01	\$143,237
2001-02	\$150,916

And to further raise and appropriate the sum of \$92,412 for the 1999-00 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Gilford School District will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198.20-c, to be known as the District Septic Trust Fund, for the purpose of repairing and/or replacing the district septic system. Furthermore, to name the School Board as agents to expend from this fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand (\$30,000) dollars toward this purpose

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Gilford School District will vote to endorse the School Board's formation of a K-12 Facility and Space Needs Study Committee

Recommended: School Board

ARTICLE VIII. Budget

To see if the Gilford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,433,813 for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district.

Recommended: School Board (\$11,433,813) Recommended: Budget Committee (\$11,394,438)

**ARTICLE IX. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
(School Board Approval Pending)**

GILFORD
BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
1998-99

Section Purpose of Appropriation	Approved 1998-99	School Board's 1999-00	Budget Comm. Recommended 1999-00
Instruction			
Regular Programs	5,593,204.00	5,697,783	5,697,783
Special Programs	924,031.00	970,372	970,372
Vocational Programs	28,000.00	28,000	28,000
Other Instruct. Programs	301,484.00	329,916	329,916
Support Services			
Student Support Services	462,662.00	484,877	463,274
Instructional Staff Services	341,760.00	463,051	462,976
School Board	45,246.00	41,256	41,256
SAU Management Serv.	257,009.00		
All Other Executive		131,914	131,914
School Administration	760,458.00	792,967	792,967
Business		157,666	139,959
Operation & Maintenance			
Of Plant	959,243.00	1,096,854	1,096,854
Pupil Transportation	361,996.00	369,267	369,267
Food Service	6,000.00	6,000	6,000
Managerial Services			
Other Support Services			
Fixed Charges			
Salary Adjustment			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	101,702.00	112,051	112,051
Other Outlays			
Bond			
Principal	285,000.00	285,000	285,000
Interest	64,838.00	46,313	46,313
To Federal Projects Fund	85,000.00	95,000	95,000
To Food Service	315,000.00	325,536	325,536
Deficit Appropriations			
Warrant Articles	281,700.00	2,048,539	2,048,539
Total Appropriations	11,174,333.00	13,482,352	13,442,977

GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

ESTIMATED REVENUE

Section II Revenues & Credits Available to Reduce school Taxes	1998-99 Revised Revenues	1999-00 School Board's Revenues	1999-00 Budget Comm.
Unreserved Fund Balance	--	100,000.00	100,000.00
Foundation Aid			
School Building Aid	86,122.00	86,122.00	86,122.00
Area Vocational School	5,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Driver Education	17,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Catastrophic Aid	42,251.00	27,852.00	27,852.00
Child Nutrition Program	315,000.00	325,536.00	325,536.00
Handicapped Program	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
ECIA, Title I & II	40,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
School To Work	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Kindergarten Aid	51,750.00	55,500.00	55,500.00
Medicaid Reimb.	1,500.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Sale of Bonds or Notes			
Tuition	1,465,000.00	1,926,127.00	1,926,127.00
Earnings on Investments	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Pupil Activities	20,500.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Other Earnings	37,450.00	112,599.00	112,599.00
Total School Revenues & Credits	2,136,573.00	4,329,386.00	4,329,386.00
District Assessment	9,037,760.00	9,152,966.00	9,113,591.00
Total Revenues & District Assessment	11,174,333.00	13,482,352.00	13,442,977

TOTAL P.02

